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Young Australians win Oceania Cup



• Danny Moulis



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• Paul Kay



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SUPER KIDS!

Giampaolo,

Valeri:

\$40,000

After three months of bitter conflict, Walter Valeri and Sebastian Giampaolo have transferred to Canberra City for a combined fee of \$40,000.

Valeri and Giampaolo were the centre of a stubborn tug-of-war between Canberra City and ACT club Inter Monaro.

The transfer of the two strikers was finalised last Friday, after a NSW Soccer Federation appeals committee had set the fee at \$40,000 last Tuesday.

The acquisition of the highly-rated duo takes Canberra City's spending this season over the \$80,000 mark.

Valeri was top goalscorer in the NSW State League in 1979 with 28 goals, and Giampaolo was acclaimed as the most skilful player in the league. Both represented NSW last season.

Inter Monaro, angry at Canberra City's interest in the club's two stars, slapped a combined transfer fee of \$52,000 on Valeri and Giampaolo.

NSWSF tribunal ruled the transfer fee should be reduced to \$44,000. The players appealed against that decision and had the transfer fee cut by a further \$4,000.

Valeri was valued at \$18,000 and Giampaolo at \$22,000.

Canberra City has splashed out \$43,000 in transfer fees for John, Robert and Mike O'Shea from St George and Tony Brennan from Brisbane Lions. The probable transfer of Duncan Cole and Richard Wilson from New Zealand could push City's spending over \$100,000. — KYLE PATTERSON.



Walter Valeri (centre) leads an Inter-Monaro attack against Yugel in the NSW State League match last year. Canberra City has paid \$18,000 for him.

From JEAN-MICHAEL DUFY
in Noumea

The super kids of Australia completed their domination of the Oceania Cup tournament by blitzing the much more experienced players of Tahiti 4-2 to win the trophy on Saturday.

Featuring three players from the French First Division and other expatriates from various parts of the Pacific, Tahiti was clearly the most skilful ball-playing team in the competition.

But it could not match the grit, enthusiasm and fighting power of the young Socceroos.

What's more, the Tahitians lost their tempers and composure because they could not shake off their individual opponents.

Coach Rodi Gutendorf employed a man-to-man marking system which, apparently, had got him results against Czechoslovakia and the New York Cosmos back home.

The frayed tempers cost Tahiti dearly. Its sweeper, Francis Kenon was sent off the field mid-way through the second half for punching and kicking Australian forward Paul Kay.

In the lead-up to the final, Australia beat New Caledonia 8-0, Papua-New Guinea 11-2 and the New Hebrides 1-0, leaving no doubt that it deserved the Cup.

I tip my hat to Gutendorf. With only one exception — midfielder Arno Bertogna — he fielded the same team he used in World Youth Championship qualifying matches in New Zealand and Paraguay more than a year ago. That's what I call continuity!

Three of them — midfielder Peter Raskopoulos and forwards Ian Hunter and Paul Kay — are eligible for the world youth titles whose finals will be played in Australia next year.

If there's more talent of that calibre available in Australia, the young Socceroos should do very well in the finals.

Unfortunately, two of Gutendorf's boys return home injured. Forward Peter Sharpe, who did not play in the final, has a badly bruised hip — a legacy of some rough stuff in the 1-0 win over New Hebrides — and goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse had to leave the field during the final with a dislocated shoulder.

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It's Hellas
v H'berg

The Phillips League kicks off at the weekend, with Bobby Charlton's appearance at Gable Stadium providing one of the highlights.

Charlton will be guest star for Blacktown City in its first match since being promoted to the PSL.

Biggest-drawing game of the round will be South Melbourne Hellas v Heidelberg United at Middle Park.

First-round games on Sunday with likely winners in capitals:

South Melbourne v Heidelberg UTd, at Middle Park, 3 pm;

WEST ADELAIDE v Newcastle KB UTd, Hindmarsh Stadium, 2.30 pm;

Sydney City v Marconi (draw), Sydney Sports Ground, 3 pm;

Blacktown City v ST GEORGE, Gable Stadium, 3 pm;

Leichhardt v Adelaide City (draw), Lambert Park, 3 pm;

CANBERRA CITY v Brisbane Lions, Bruce Stadium, 4.30 pm;

BRISBANE CITY v Footscray, Parry Park, 3 pm.

COKE GIVES \$200,000

By TOM ANDERSON

The New South Wales State League has received a \$200,000 sponsorship from Coca-Cola Bottlers.

Coca-Cola Bottlers will sponsor the NSW State League for the next three years, paying more than \$85,000 a year.

The competition will now be known as The Coca-Cola Bottlers State League.

The Coca-Cola company will provide marketing assistance to promote the State League as an attractive and viable competition, as well as providing financial assistance to help both the Federation and its clubs to achieve this objective.

The details are:

- 1 — To provide funding to the NSW Federation for the promotion of the League.

- 2 — To provide spectator awards of (a) a Holden family sedan, to be won by a lucky spectator at the State League grand final. Each week, adult patrons

- at State League, 1st Division and 2nd Division matches will receive a numbered ticket. A regular supporter could therefore end up with 30 chances to win the Holden.

- (b) Each week, at each State League match, patrons will have the opportunity to win one of five double passes to a Village Cinema.

- 3 — The Coca-Cola Bottlers State League — Player of the Year will receive a Holden family sedan.

- 4 — Youth soccer scholarships: It is intended to bring to Australia a top international coach who will work in conjunction with the NSW State coach in a program which includes live-in camp coaching for selected 15-18 year olds and evening discussion sessions with club coaches.

- 5 — Assistance for Federation clubs, with ground and clubroom signs, ball boys' uniforms etc.

- 6 — Provision of trophies and player medals.

- 7 — Sundry promotional assistance for the NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs.

The sponsorship was announced at the Chevron Hotel in Sydney on Monday morning.

Mr Karl Rodney, President of the NSW Soccer Federation, was elated over the announcement.

"With Coca-Cola's generous support and assistance,

we propose to create greater incentive for NSW State League players, provide specialist coaching for youth players and promote an attractive State League competition aimed at winning a larger share of spectator support," Mr Rodney said.

"I would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Sydney Coca-Cola Bottlers for their support and for the confidence they have shown in the NSW Federation of Soccer clubs by the sponsorship of our State League competition."

"Soccer Action" introduces a new weekly column in Spanish on page 14 today. Our Spanish columnist is Oscar Pera, well-known through the Spanish-language newspaper "Le Espanol."

The Consulates of Argentina, Spain and Chile have written to "Soccer Action" expressing their good wishes.

The following is the letter received from the Argentinian Consul, Senior Gerardo Manuel Britos.

A Spanish hello

SIR — I wish to congratulate the Australian "Soccer Action" for the appointment of Mr Oscar Pera as a member of the staff of your prestigious newspaper.

Oscar will undoubtedly be a good representative of the Argentinian community in "Soccer Action" and I am certain that many of my compatriots would agree with me

Our country has produced in two successive years the world champions (Argentina, 1978) and the youth champions (Japan, 1979) and both conquests speak clearly of the excellence of Argentinian soccer in world terms. Australia will have the chance to see the reigning youth champions in next year's World Youth Cup. It will be an excellent opportunity to enhance the sporting relationship between our two countries and I look forward to that moment.

I trust that the influence of European and South-American soccer will improve the standard of the game in Australia, where the sport has not yet achieved major predominance. Nevertheless, our children are getting more familiar with the round ball and they are starting to kick it from a very early age.

I wish the best of luck to the Australian "Soccer Action" in its promotion of what is considered the greatest game of all times.

A house divided against itself...

If the Australian Soccer Federation does not give the Phillips League clubs a say in their own destiny, the heart of soccer in Australia will be ripped apart by rebellion.

The present situation cannot be tolerated much longer by the majority of PSL clubs, which are becoming frustrated over the incredible position they are in.

For the PSL clubs that are pouring thousands of dollars a year into the game not to have representation on the ASF is a remarkable and intolerable situation.

Even the Protestant Churches and Amateurs run their own show — but not the PSL

clubs. Theirs is run for them by the ASF.

It is no secret that a number of delegates on the ASF are bitter enemies of the PSL — even if they don't admit it.

A similar situation to the one that exists here at present would be to make Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro, Minister of defence in the United States of America!

Common sense must prevail and the PSL clubs must have representation on the ASF.



TOM ANDERSON

If not, then the ASF is not "fair dinkum" and members of the ASF themselves must be prepared to stand up and be counted when accusations of "internal sabotage" are thrown around.

At the present moment, soccer in Australia is divided. There is resentment, animosity, call it what you like,

between the various State league organisations and the PSL.

Why this continues is beyond me as it will only lead to self destruction in the long run.

There are administrators on both sides who seemingly cannot see this or are too pig headed to admit to it.

If it weren't serious it would

be funny — something like soccer's Keystone Cops! In America in June 1858 that great champion of freedom, Abraham Lincoln, said — "A house divided against itself cannot stand". And believe me, Mr Lincoln knew what he was talking about!

I also think that everyone in high places, be it State League,

Phillips League or ASF, should heed the knowledgeable words of Abraham Lincoln before it's too late.

For unless commonsense prevails and union is installed, soccer always will be the bridesmaid and never the bride in Australia.

All the sponsorship, all the media coverage in the world, will not cure an internal malignant, sickness that is eating the heart out of the game.

This malady can be cured only by a number of people in responsible positions coming to their senses.

As I said last week, the writing is on the wall and has to be heeded.

The next three years will be the most critical in the history of the game in Australia.

If soccer fails in these three years, then we should forget all about it and take up croquet or some other more tranquil game.

I appeal to the powers that be to start the ball rolling on the road to recovery, by giving the PSL clubs a "fair go" — a say in their own destiny and a voice on the ASF.

Then iron out the differences that DO exist between the PSL and the State Leagues.

Make this happen and soccer is on its way to the top. More next week.

T.V. OR NOT T.V.?

With all the talk of soccer in Australia being televised, the question is: can we do it successfully, or will we fail once again?

There is no doubt that our television people have the know-how, and can produce such a show, but can we turn on exciting, entertaining soccer for an hour to keep viewers interested?

The minute we present soccer, or any other sport, on television it becomes entertainment rather than sport, which of course means that we have to have exciting commentators, stands full of people, the roar of the crowd and plenty of action during the game. Can we give the people all that?

I recently read an article written by Brian Courtis for the "Age" and it really makes you wonder if we can succeed.

Brian Courtis writes, "When the television eye zooms in on a sport, the very essence of that game can be changed quite dramatically. TV demands colour, fast-changing images, and many highlights. The money it represents generally means that organisers make sure this is what it gets."

"The television treatment itself can also change the sports fan's views and desires of

his game. The sport he sees on the box becomes the sport he wants to see at the ground, stadium, or wherever.

"With British soccer, for example, in the highly successful 'Match of the day' programme we can see a 90-minute tactical struggle condensed to perhaps 15 minutes of goal-scoring drama.

"The chess-like features of the game are obliterated, the players become actors responding to the cameras and the actual organic moment of goal-scoring is repeated ad nauseam with instant replay.

"And for those whose lust for penetration is not sated by the replay disc, then there is always goal-of-the-week or something similar.

"The somewhat disturbing result is that many attracted to soccer by T.V. will only be disappointed by what they are offered at the grounds."

So let's make sure this time, that we have "what it takes" in the soccer game before pushing too hard for television coverage. If we don't we could lose more than we would gain.



Steve Carr

Carr caught in trap

Steve Carr's career in Australian soccer looks to have been put in cold storage — permanently.

Carr, South Melbourne's \$10,000 striker, is caught in a Catch 22 situation, and indeed there looks no way out.

South Melbourne has refused to let Carr train with the club's first team, has cut off his match and training payments and placed him on the transfer list for \$9,000, a fair indication he is not wanted at the club.

But VSF secretary George Wallace has informed Carr that he cannot transfer, under new rules restricting the movement of temporary visa players.

Carr, who joined South Melbourne from State League club Green Gully, is left in limbo.

"It's an impossible situation," said Carr this week. "Even if I was to go back to England, and then try and come back to a different club, the Immigration Department would stand in the way."

"I don't know what it is with South Melbourne. My only guess is that someone doesn't like me, and wants to keep me out of the game."

Carr played only two full games for South Melbourne in the PSL, but hasn't played a game of soccer for seven months.

He added that he wanted to continue playing in Australia, but that he may be forced to quit the country if the current crisis isn't resolved.

Goalkeeper available

Former Arncliffe Scots and St George (NSW) goalkeeper Brett Hansell is looking for a club in Melbourne.

Hansell, 18, is studying in Melbourne. Any clubs interested should contact 'Soccer Action' for details.

Hansell is on a free transfer.

CANBERRA CITY 2 (Brennan 25th, Valerie 41st) SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (Ristovski 70th) at Bruce Stadium, Canberra. Crowd: 2,021.

CANBERRA CITY: Hoszowski, M. O'Shea, R. O'Shea, Brown, Williams 8 J. O'Shea, Farrell (Byrne, 62nd) MacLaren — Brennan, Giampaolo, Valeri.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Tsigaras (Keogh 45th — Bannon, Xanthopoulos, Munro, Kafetsidis — Wright, Rogers, Evans (Ristovski 60th) — Campbell, Bukveic (Cummings 70th), Lutton.

Referee: K. Allen. South Melbourne and Canberra City had a solid pre-season work-out last weekend with Canberra winning 2-1, but showing there is plenty of room for further improvement.

In contrast, South Melbourne, after a disastrous 1979 season, showed something of its ultimate potential only in the final 25 minutes.

Cosch John Aargatis was not pleased with the performance.

Canberra's coach Vic Fernandez's comment was: "I'm quite happy with our effort. We deserved the win and I know we can do much better."

"We can improve a great deal more yet."

The big question being asked by all Canberra fans was also answered.

Both Sebastian Giampaolo and Walter Valeri showed they have PSL potential after their \$40,000 transfer from Inter Mono.

It was Valeri, in fact, more than Giampaolo, who displayed class. Giampaolo perhaps had a bigger reputation last season than his team mate.

But the greatest pleasure for Canberra fans was the creativity and initiative shown up front.

This year they appear to have the firepower which was sadly missing in 1979.

In the first half, Canberra showed much better touches of

skill, with Isaac Farrell performing brilliantly as a linkman between the midfield and attack.

It was no surprise when the hard-running close-season signing Tony Brennan's shot found the net in the 25th minute.

Brennan's shot left South Melbourne keeper Lou Tsigaras well beaten and only minutes later Tsigaras was at full stretch as defender Harry Williams made one of his legendary runs down the wing and shot just inches wide of the upright.

But South Melbourne fought back and a sneaky but beautifully-executed back-header by Branko Bukveic almost tied the scores, but Canberra's keeper Steve Hoszowski showed quick reflexes and made a fine save.

Then it was Canberra's turn again and Giampaolo showed his renowned ball skills by gliding out of two tackles only to see Tsigaras' outstretched foot stop his ground shot.

Canberra deserved another goal and Walter Valeri obliged in the 41st minute, he took it well, seeing the narrowest of openings but hitting the ball hard and low through the gap and past Tsigaras into the net.

Then, tragically, when Tsigaras courageously smothered a loose ball by diving at Isaac Farrell's feet, both players were injured.

Tsigaras finished the half but suffered a badly bruised hip, and 17-year-old Sean Keigh made his first PSL appearance in the second stanza, and the youngster played remarkably well.

In this second period South Melbourne lifted its game.

Alun Evans had shown all of his creativity, but hadn't scored and he was substituted with Mendo Ristovski in the 60th minute.

Canberra then charged Isaac Farrell for Terry Byrne and Margaritis brought on Duncan Cummings for Branko Bukveic.

Earlier, Canberra's Donald MacLaren's 30-metre drive was well saved by young Keigh while at the other end, Ristovski had consecutive shots foiled by brothers Robert and Michael O'Shea.

Finally, however, the ever-dangerous Ristovski wasn't to be denied and his first time, volleyed shot in the 70th minute flashed into the net.

Canberra, however, continued to make the better chances and should have scored two more goals.

Brennan, for example, beat his man and then Keigh but his shot lacked power and defender Sammy Wright was able to clear before it crossed the goal-line. Similarly, Walter Valeri drew Keigh and appeared to have timed his chip shot to perfection only to see it bounce across the goalmouth and mere inches wide of the post.

It was a game full of interest. Certainly Canberra City can improve — dramatically.

South Melbourne, too, showed glimpses of what they could achieve, but despite a side that on paper looks the best-balanced on the PSL, it still lacks pep and punch on the park.

Academy here

Australian soccer will benefit from an initiative by FIFA, the governing body of world football, to launch a world-wide system of soccer academies.

FIFA was announced that one of 16 proposed academies will be established in Australia in December.

The world-wide programme is sponsored by Coca-Cola as part of the company's soccer involvement.

Each academy will accommodate soccer students from as many as six nations, with seminars designed to instruct officials on world class methods of coaching, administration, marketing and Press relations.

Australia has been nominated to accept students from the Oceania countries. All delegates who successfully complete the course will receive a FIFA Instructor diploma.

Included among the guest speakers will be a national team manager from a leading soccer nation plus an international sports journalist.

The first academy will be held in Morocco in May, with celebrated doctors and referees adding their expertise to that of other instructors.

The initiative is seen as part of FIFA's plan to raise playing standards in those areas most in need of development.

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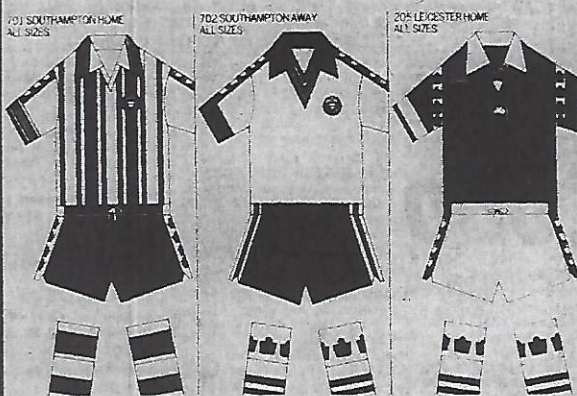
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4-0 flop a nightmare for Mullen

By
**KYLE
PATTERSON**

The 'historic' interstate match between Victoria and NSW at Olympic Park No. 2, Sunday, was a dismal flop, and proved perhaps only one thing — that interstate games will never be regular or significant feature of the Australian soccer season.

Apathy on the part of clubs and supporters will ensure these clashes will be 'second rate' fixtures when in fact they should be the most glamorous games of the season.

After a 10-year break in Victoria-NSW competition, any traditional rivalry that did exist is now dead and gone.

And thanks to APLA, St. George, Sydney City and Blacktown City, there was no chance that last Sunday's game would spark off a new wave of interest in interstate competition.

When the Sydney-based Philips League clubs decided not to release their players to the NSW squad, the match was a dead duck.

Unfortunately, the gloomy predictions came true — a poor crowd turned up on a sunny afternoon to watch Victoria go through the motions and defeat the 'second string' NSW team 4-0.

The future of interstate games is far from promising. I put forward the following points for consideration:

- 1) If the Sydney PSL clubs will not release their players on a weekend when they have no official games, what hope is there that they will ever support interstate matches?
- 2) If the Victorian team, which currently is riding on a huge wave of success, can attract only such a small crowd against NSW (admittedly a 'second string' combination), what hope is there for large crowds 'against' the glamorous State teams of South Australia or Queensland?



Steve McDonald goes at Victorian striker Jamie Paton boots and all. Picture: STEVE CHATZIS

'Hands off' warning

Preston Makedonia's star players are definitely not for sale, John Branov, president of the Victorian State League Club, said this week.

Branov is angry because several clubs have shown interest in Robert Cullen, George McMillan and Gary Ward.

"Makedonia will not sell any of its top players," said Branov. Branov warned other clubs to forget any ideas of 'poaching' these players.

"Let me warn the clubs concerned, that Makedonia will take strong action if our players are approached," he said.

VICTORIA 4 (Paton 31st & 47th, Cole 35th, Campbell 69th) NSW 0 at Olympic Park No. 2. Crowd: est. 2500.

VICTORIA: Leumets 7 — Ysendoorn 7, Kokoska 8, Gardiner 8, Tansey 7 — Campbell 6, Tront 7 — Paton 1 injured (Mitten 83rd min), Cole 9, Cumming 7.

NSW: Wilson 7 — Thompson 8, Mullen 3, McDonald 4, Palmer 5 — Cagali 8 (Hall 4, half time), Williams 7, Davis 5 (Farrugia 7, half time) — Eaton 5, Scott 8, Daley 5. Referee: Stuart Mellings 7. Cautions: Cole (V).

3) With the ever-increasing number of top overseas clubs and national teams touring Australia, will the fans accept the lower standard of play of interstate games while continuing to pay substantial admission fees? (The VSF charged \$5 for tickets at last Sunday's game).

4) With preparations for the 1981 World Youth Cup and the 1982 World Cup taking up more and more time of our top players and rightfully being given top priority by national and State administrators, is there any room for interstate matches?

Those four points are a brief outline of the reasons why interstate competition is doomed to be a 'white elephant' of Australian soccer.

The crowd attendance was shock to members of the Press and the VSF. However, the soccer public never has identified with State teams, mostly because in the past they have been the feeble lambs put up to be 'slaughtered' by touring teams.

Len McKendry's team has changed all that, but still the soccer public hasn't become a true 'supporter' of the Victorian team. If that were the case, why didn't the 8,000-plus crowd that watched the Ampol Cup final between Heidelberg and Croatia go to Olympic Park last Sunday? After all, 12 of the 15 players in the Victorian squad last Sunday are of the Heidelberg-Croatia bloc.

Victoria has boasted it is the No. 1 soccer State. Instead of accepting the challenge and trying to knock off Victoria, NSW snubbed Victoria and in-

sulted Len McKendry and his players by sending a 'second string' team.

Victoria is now the champion of Australia by default.

Victoria's performance against NSW was perhaps the team's worst under McKendry. Sure, the Vics led with NSW for the majority of the match, but the opening 30 minutes must have disturbed McKendry.

In the opening half hour, Leo Baumgartner's team threatened the Victorian goal on many occasions, and looked set to push the Victorian team to the limit.

However, the NSW initiative came to a sudden halt, and after that NSW went from bad to worse, finishing the game as an unorganised, dispirited team.

The sudden change in fortunes came in the 31st minute when Victoria went into the lead. A ghastly mistake by NSW sweeper Peter Mullen cost a goal, and knocked the wind right out of NSW.

Mullen missed the ball when aiming a clearance only eight metres from goal. Because of the mistake, ace goalpoacher Jamie Paton was able to nip in and put the ball past goalkeeper Peter Wilson.

The move had started with a harmless looking cross from Victorian striker Gary Cole. He floated in a high ball from the right, and Tommy Cumming challenged NSW defender Bill Palmer in the air. Cumming headed the ball toward goal, but into Mullen's path. Mullen was under no pressure and looked certain to clear the ball, but missed his kick.

But worse was to follow for the Sydney Croatia defender. Four minutes later he made another unbelievable error, which cost his team another goal.

Mullen had the ball on the left flank and prepared to make a pass back to goalkeep-



NSW, standing from left: Aulden Brown (Federation secretary), Bruno Cagali, Billy Palmer, Peter Wilson, Neil Williams, Wally Lackowicz, Bobby Smith, Craig Hall, Dennis Daley, Mark Davis, Leo Baumgartner (coach). Front: Andy Scott, Paul Carter, Peter Mullen, Steve McDonald, Joe Farrugia, Clive Eaton, Branko Thompson. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

per Wilson. However, his pass was for too short.

Gary Cole ran onto the ball and had only goalkeeper Wilson to beat, on a difficult angle. Faced with this problem, Cole produced the most memorable piece of individual play in the game.

Without changing his stride, he hit a remarkable swerving chip shot with the outside of his right foot that cleared the oncoming Wilson, but dipped and swung back enough to, enter the top corner of the net.

After the two 'gift' goals, Victoria was in full command.

However, it had been a much different story in the first half hour. During this period, NSW played a shrewd game, marking tightly in defence, but being able to create chances with direct raids.

Coach Baumgartner devised a defensive plan that involved Victoria's Cole, Paton and Jim Campbell being marked closely.

Centre back Steve McDonald was assigned the task of minding Cole, midfielder Bruno Cagali looked after Campbell and midfielder Neil Williams was to pick up Paton. Williams had the key role, as he had to drop back into defence quickly to mark Paton when Victoria attacked. This gave NSW a five-man defence.

McDonald was unable to control the aggressive Cole. The Heidelberg striker was the most dangerous forward. Cagali hardly let Campbell get a touch; shadowing him whenever Victoria had possession. He was NSW's best player.

The Sydney Croatia utility carried out his defensive job perfectly but it was in attacking player that he excelled. Cagali was the general in mid-field, hitting penetrating balls to his forwards and showing some fine ball control to create openings.

Cagali had excellent support from right back Branko Thompson. Williams and centre forward Andy Scott of Olympic.

NSW had three golden opportunities to score. The first came when Dennis Daley shot weakly after Scott had done the groundwork for a Thompson cross.

Soon after Clive Eaton (in a rare burst) wiggled past John Ysendoorn and Steve Kokoska, but shot straight at Peter Laumets, who made a comfortable save from 15 metres.

Davis missed a header at the near post when unmarked after another fine overlap and cross by full back Thompson.

Mullen's errors finished NSW, but some of the tactical moves by Baumgartner were puzzling.

At half time he replaced Cagali, by far the team's best player, with young striker Craig Hall. However, Hall was

instructed to play in midfield, not as a striker.

Hall didn't mark Campbell, and the Heidelberg midfielder started to come into the game. Williams was instructed to play a normal midfield game, and this left Cole unmarked when centre back McDonald marked Paton.

Victoria's third goal was once the fault of Mullen, who will no doubt wish he never left Sydney last weekend.

Steve Kokoska played a ball down the line for Cumming to chase. It was a little too long, and Mullen was able to cover Cumming.

However, instead of playing safe and clearing the ball first time, Mullen tried to be fancy and lost possession to Cumming.

The Essendon Croatia striker quickly played a diagonal ball for Cole, whose shot for goal beat Wilson, but didn't enter the net.

But guess who was there to tap the ball home? Mr. J. Paton.

Victoria's fourth goal was scored by Campbell, who hit a crisp volley past Wilson in the 69th minute. The move started with a corner from Joe Tront, which was headed to Campbell by Kokoska.

Second chance for Slavia

Prahran Slavia has won an important victory in its fight to retain star winger Jim Williams.

The VSF appeals tribunal last week ruled that Williams was still a Slavia player and that he wasn't available for transfer.

The VSF disputes committee had originally ruled that Williams be placed on the transfer list at \$2,000 — a bargain price for the Victorian State team forward.

Slavia manager Tony Vrzina now has the

job of convincing Williams to stay with the club. Vrzina said he would offer Williams a lucrative contract, which would be equal to the deals given to the State's top players.

Vrzina said if Williams refused to play with Slavia, then the club would reluctantly let him go.



Vrzina mentioned Croatia's Banko Culina, South Melbourne's Duncan Cummings and Adelaide City's Chris Kent as players he would 'trade' for Williams.

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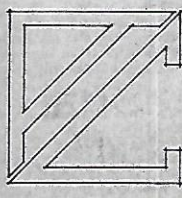
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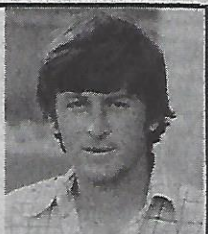


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ANDREW CZAPNIK

Marconi favorite—but watch the quiet ones

Some clubs have prepared for the 1980 PSL season without making much noise. Others have hit the transfer market with a big bang, creating high hopes among their fans.

Perhaps the clubs that have kept quiet are the ones that should be watched. Marconi, champion in 1979, starts the season as hot favorite to retain its title. Marconi constitutes the nucleus of the national team and so many of its young players, brilliant in past years, will

be even better now that they're maturing.

In practice games Marconi has been unable to field its best team, yet it still has managed to beat top opponents—including Newcastle KB United.

Like good wine, Marconi gets better every year. The ingredients of its success are the experience of Allan Maher, Roberto Vieri and Ivo Prskalo, the greatness of Tony Henderson, the ability of Mark Jankovics and Peter Sharpe to turn defence into attack in the blink of an eye and the extraordinary goalscoring ability of Eddie Krncevic.

Krncevic is a player Australian soccer has lacked for too long. He knows the shortest way to goal, he has fierce fighting qualities, speed and determination. In short, he is one of Australia's outstanding products of the past decade.

With Peter Borgan developing into a top-class defender and young Peter Kaskopoulos in the type of company that will enable him to blossom into a first-rate midfielder, the Marconi team appears all powerful.

But as usual, it will get stiff opposition from Sydney City.

Ken Boden, one of the outstanding players in Australian soccer, should have a big impact on the Sydney City team. His great flair, added to the ability and experience of Murray Barnes, John Steven-



St. George goalkeeper Mike Fraser lies bleeding during an Australian youth trial game. He needed an operation and will be out for a few months.

son, Hilton Silva, Terry Smith, Joe Watson and the rest, will once again make Sydney City a major force in the league.

South Melbourne has put a lot of time and money into team building and therefore should put up much better showing.

Alan Evans, Branko Buljevic and George Campbell constitute probably the most gifted forward line in Australian soccer. Each player is capable of doing the unexpected which invariably results in a goal.

In addition South Melbourne

boasts young Alan Davidson who undoubtedly was the "find" of 1979.

Heidelberg, as usual, will be competitive and composed under pressure. Goalkeeper Yanka Banovic has developed into one of the safest custodians in the league. Twin coaches Jimmy Rooney and Pat Bannon provide the necessary leadership and experience. Gary Cole has the speed and strength to upset defences and Jamie Paton shows uncanny goalkeeping ability.

As for Footscray—it's a matter of wait and see. New coach Ronco Ilic has tremendous enthusiasm and a lot of new ideas, but he is the first to realise that it won't be easy without replacements for Joe Palinkas and Mendo Ristovski.

He will rely heavily on Jim Kondorakis, Peter Ollerton, Joe Piccione and Zdravko Lujic.

Of the two Brisbane teams, City looks the stronger. It reached the grand final last year, and indeed, was a major contender for the championship.

With the addition of Palinkas to the forward line and a defence that gives nothing away, Brisbane City will again be a powerful side well-matched to beat at home.

Lions have lost Tony Brennan to Canberra but have covered the loss by signing New Zealand international McNaughton and Verweij.

Hermiston and Bennett remain two of the finest centre backs in the league so although Lions don't look quite as good as City, they won't be a pushover by any means.

The addition of Paul Reaney and Mark Trenter who has been underestimated should lift Newcastle KB United to even greater heights.

The loss of Ken Boden may prove difficult to overcome, but I'm sure Trenter will knock in a fair share of goals.

Reaney is just the man to help settle down the defence, and with his great following, excellent leadership and sound coaching staff, Newcastle is set for another successful year.

Unfortunately, young Neil Endacott will be looking on from the sidelines. My best wishes go to Neil who suffered serious injuries in a car accident.

Blacktown will bring black days to many teams. Coach Mick Jones put a lot of time and effort into the job of making this newly-promoted team the surprise packet of the league. Already, it has beaten Sydney City and APIA in trial games.

Let's not forget that in Dave Harding Blacktown has one of Australia's most experienced midfielders. The addition of Warren Turnbull, George Harris and Ian Hunter in particular, will reap lasting benefits.

APIA's new coach Willie Wallace is fortunate to have a recruit of the calibre of Phil O'Connor—one of the PSL greats.

Peter Wilson still has a big say in PSF games. His partnership with Jim Dempsey will, I am sure, be one of the strongest in Australia.

Then there's the questionable ability of young goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse and the experience of midfielders Peter Stone and Terry Butler. These ingredients indicate that APIA has a great deal of potential—and Wallace is just the man to bring it out.

One has to sympathise with young St. George goalkeeper Mike Fraser who had an operation recently for a head injury sustained in an Australian youth team trial game in Melbourne.

He will be out of soccer for a period of months during which Raul Blanco's new-look young team tries to establish itself.

Blanco's boys have been in training for four months, during which he has worked hard to blend the experience of Doug Utjesenovic and Rudi Gnani with brilliant youngsters like Paul Kay, Katholos, Griffiths and Cotten.

I wish them luck.

A lot is expected from Canberra City, the new "millionaire" club which has spent an extraordinary amount of money on buying Sebastian Giampaolo, Walter Valeri, the three O'Shea brothers and Tony Brennan.

Coach Vic Fernandez has had his problems moulding all the new men into an effective team combination—but this is natural. It takes time, but once they click together, they should do big things.

That leaves the two Adelaide clubs.

The greatest acquisition as far as West Adelaide is concerned, is coach Gerry Chalk, who led Sydney City for so long.

The club has settled its differences with Peter Boyle. John Kosmina is in brilliant form. Eric Carruthers will prove valuable in midfield and Shraga Topolanski will settle down the defence.

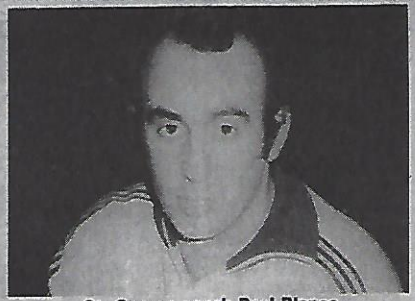
With Marlyn Crook still one of the best goalkeepers in Australia, West Adelaide will be a formidable foe once more.

My own team, Adelaide City, is fortunate to have signed centre back David Jones and forward Vic Smythe but we're losing Jim Muir, Chris Kent and Robert Marwe and young Charlie Villani is injured at present.

Then again, Sergio Melia is in fantastic form, and Gary Morochi has recovered completely from the injury that kept him out of action for so long.

Glenn Dodds, Bobby Russell, Buggy Nyskohus and Jones form a solid defence, Peter Marshall is a brilliant goalkeeper and the reputations of forwards Doree Deas, John Nyskohus and Brian Northcote speak for themselves.

One thing the 1980 season will establish is whether it is best to buy up big on the transfer market or to rely on youth.



St. George coach Paul Blanco.



MIKE JOHNSON

ALL EYES ON THE NEW SAINTS

Raul Blanco, coach of new-look St George, sees Marconi, Sydney City, Adelaide City and Newcastle United as the teams to beat in 1980.

"There is little difference between the rest of the field," he said.

He feels his St George team will have an "exciting" season in 1980.

He has built squad of creative players who at the moment appear to be a little short on star quality, though of course this will all change if the team gets success early.

"The team had got too used to losing."

This was Blanco's reason for the vast surgical job he did on the side during the close season.

The three O'Shea brothers, Phil O'Connor, Peter Hensman, Brendan Grosse, Rudi DellaPacca, Stefan Matic, skipper George Harris and Neville Morgan were part of that surgery.

They were replaced by Billy Griffiths, Richard Yamine (Melita), Dave McIntosh (Syd Olympic), John Davies (Canberra) and Peter Beggs (Sutherland).

The long close-season has given him the chance to develop a high standard of fitness in his new squad and this will be a characteristic of its early games.

This fitness is increased by playing on the huge St George pitch which is close to maximum measurements.

The big field also allows space to play the interpassing style which Blanco prefers.

I feel the St George stadium pitch is too big for part-time players.

It tends to produce a slow game, especially in the second half, when players are increasingly tired supporting attacks, then recovering to defend on the huge field.

Activity around the ball is encouraged by playing on a smaller sized field.

However, in recent years the stadium has been the only asset the club has been able to point to with real pride.

Its support and playing performances hardly have been memorable.

Because of its limited support, St. George just like Sydney City, is under pressure to perform well on the field.

Poor onfield results, coupled with limited support, are a recipe for Philips League oblivion.

St. George, like so many others in the league, traditionally has lived on a rich diet of success.

Chairmen, committeemen and supporters of previously high riding clubs find it hard to accept the plainer fare in the lower regions of the Philips League.

This is one of the reasons for the ridiculous mortality rate among coaches.

New clubs such as Canberra City and Newcastle United do not have to carry their past on their shoulders and are much better for it.



Caledonians (Tas.) midfielder Terry Banagan shoots for goal in a game against Frankston City while he was playing in the Victoria State League.

Ken Morton cleared, Rapid lays its plans

Tasmanian club Wrest Point Rapid has formed a sub-committee to work on the club's drive for Philips League membership in 1981.

The committee is examining ways of gaining sponsorship.

A cocktail party to launch Rapid's PSF push is planned at the Wrest Point Casino, the club's main sponsor at the moment.

Leading ASF officials, politicians and Pressmen will be invited.

Meanwhile, Rapid finally has gained a clearance for its player-coach Ken Morton.

Morton played last season after being cleared from New Zealand club Blackhouse Bay through the ASF.

But near the end of the season, the ASF withdrew Morton's registration because, having returned to Australia and New Zealand he was, under a transfer agreement, once again the property of Azzurri Perth, the club with which he had played before leaving the country.

Azzurri finally agreed to release Morton in return for a \$600 transfer fee paid by Rapid.

Midfielder Craig Mason, who is regarded as Rapid's star recruit of 1980, still has not been released by Newcastle KB United. Rapid secretary Roy Stone-man said this week the club hopes that the transfer will be finalised within the next few weeks.

Caledonians of Hobart are using John Charlton, 20-year-old son of England international Jack Charlton, as sweeper. He is big and tough but has only average ability.

Charlton played with English non-league club Guisborough. Another Guisborough player, Coleman, returned home after only a week in Hobart.

Terry Banagan, the former Sunshine City, Ajax and Altona City player, is settling down well with Caledonians and should have a good season. — LAURIE SCHWAB

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Smith-Boden threat to Marconi



Marconi striker Eddie Krncevic shoots for goal during a trial match between the Australian youth team and South Melbourne. Others pictured, from left: Stuart Baxter, Malcolm McClelland, referee Colin Johns, Sammy Wright, Socrates Nicolaides.

Big Terry Smith returns to the Philips League at the weekend, determined to re-establish himself as one of the most deadly strikers in Australia.

He scored 10 goals in only half a season last year, before losing his place in the team for failing to comply with the wishes of coach Gerry Chaldi.

Yet despite having missed so many games, Smith is the third highest scorer in the PSL. His total of 32 over three seasons is inferior only to that of Gary Cole (42) and Mark Jankovics (33).

Smith has tremendous skill and his height makes him deadly in the air as well. With Ken Boden now in the team to support him, Smith should again be among the most consistent scorers in the competition.

Eddie Thomson will bear a heavy burden as player-coach, but he is big enough in character and playing ability to cope with it. If he finds it more productive to coach from the sidelines, he has young John Spanos standing by to come into the team.

Sydney City and Marconi have been the two most powerful teams since the PSL started in 1977, so Sunday's match may be a pointer to how the championship will go this time.

Marconi's players could not be fitter after their heavy programme with the club and the national team. As well as having toured Indonesia with Marconi, many of the players were in the national squad that met Czechoslovakia and that competed in the Oceania Cup tournament in Noumea.

The battle between Sydney City's resolute stopper Steve O'Connor and Marconi's Eddie Krncevic will be a highlight of this match. Krncevic's confidence is sky-high after the Soccerroos' scoring spree in Noumea.

SYDNEY CITY v MARCONI



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Sydney City will test Marconi on the flanks, through its wingers Joe Watson and Hilton Silva, and Terry Smith will prove a handful for John Russell.

On the other hand, it remains to be seen whether Sydney City's generally slower players can cope with speedsters Krncevic, Peter Sharpe, Mark Jankovics, Paul Degney, Peter Raskopoulos and Gary Byrne.

Likely teams:

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke - Mullen, Thomson, O'Connor, Bruce - Boden, Stevenson, Barnes - Watson, Smith, Silva.

MARCONI: Maher - Brogan, Prskalo, Russell, Degney - Byrne, Raskopoulos, Vieri - Jankovics, Krncevic, Sharpe.

Previous results: 1977 - Marc 4-2, 1-1, 1-0 (Cup) 1978 - SC 2-1, 0-0; 1979 - Marc 4-0, 1-0.

Lakmaker a life member

At the 1980 Hakoah annual meeting Harry Lakmaker was made a Hakoah life member in appreciation of his many years of service to soccer. It was a big honour for the man who has been involved with Australian soccer since he came to Sydney, and with Hakoah since the NSW federation was formed.

Harry arrived in Sydney in 1948 and was one of the founders of Sydney Austral, the Dutch-sponsored club. He was a player till 1956. In 1957 when the NSW Federation was formed Harry became Hakoah's secretary till February, 1976.

When the Philips League was formed Harry came back as honorary secretary until this year when a full-time secretary was appointed. Harry was the original NSW Federation treasurer for three years



Terry Smith (front) in an aerial duel with South Melbourne's Stuart Baxter. Other players pictured, from left: Frank Munro, Alan Davidson, Joe Watson and Kiri Kyriakoulous (No. 18).

(1957-1959), then the NSW team manager and selector in 1960.

In 1979 as executive member of the PSL management committee, he spent many hours in the Philips League office.

Nellie, Harry's wife, was through the years, answering the many phone calls, taking messages and put up with her husband being away many evenings and weekends on soccer duty.

Harry stays active in soccer with Sydney City in various official capacities ("busier than ever" he says) and we hope it will be for many years to come.

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CURRAN, TRENTER AMONG KB CASUALTIES

Newcastle KB United is in desperate trouble as it prepares for its match against West Adelaide at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday.

No less than six players are out or doubtful due to injury. They are:

- Joe Senkalski, who was sent home from Noumea by national coach Rudi Gutendorf due to a recurrence of a hamstring injury;
- Col Curran, leg injury;
- Mark Trenter, shoulder injury sustained

in BS's clash with Czechoslovakia.

- David Jones, pulled muscle;

- Graham Heys, ankle injury from the practice match against Brisbane Lions;

- And the unfortunate Neil Endacott who may not be able to play soccer again following serious

injuries sustained in a car accident. Endacott, 21, was unconscious for four days after suffering a fractured skull.

As a result of the injuries, Newcastle has fared poorly in practice games, losing 0-2 to Brisbane Lions and 0-1 to Marconi, but beating Croydon City 2-0 in Melbourne.

Newcastle has recruited the 1979 top scorer of the Northern NSW First Division, David Kamasz, from Edgeworth. He has played fairly well in trial games but it may take a while for him to bridge the gap completely between the two classes of football.

Howard Tredinnick, who played against Croydon, may stay in as left back if Curran fails to recover in time. Brett Cowburn may come into the midfield and Kamasz may play in attack in Heys' absence.

West Adelaide does not have injury problems. Coach Gerry Chalidi probably will use his two teenage proteges, Tom Forde Jr. at centre back, and Steve Atsallas in midfield.

The club was this week expecting a star player from overseas. If he arrives in time, he almost certainly will play against Newcastle.

Peter Boyle will be seen in a more attacking role than last year, his place as

WEST ADELAIDE v. NEWCASTLE KB UTD.



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John Kosmina (second from left) pictured in Soccerroo colors - he's in brilliant form for West Adelaide. Other Soccerroos pictured are Murray Barnes (left), Harry Williams and Peter Wilson (No. 3).

a midfielder going to Eric Carruthers from APIA.

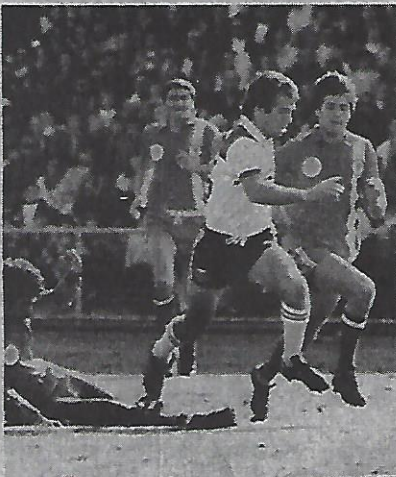
Newcastle centre backs Roy Drinkwater and Bill Summerscales are likely to have their hands full with John Kosmina, who is reported to be in brilliant form.

Likely teams:

WEST ADELAIDE:
Crook - Reynolds, Ford, Topolanski, Bozanic - dooley, Carruthers, Atsallas - Boyle, Kosmina, Honeyman.

NEWCASTLE KB UTD:
Dando - Roaney, Drinkwater, Scales, Sumner - Curran or H. Tredinnick - P. Tredinnick, Bertogno, Cowburn, McClelland, Trenter (if fit), Kamasz, or Jones (if fit).

Previous results: 1977 - Newcastle did not compete; 1978 - WA 1-0, 1-0; 1979 - 1-1, 0-0.



Newcastle's Peter Tredinnick sprints away, despite a tackle by Paul Ontong (left) of Brisbane Lions.



Newcastle winger Graham Heys (right), pictured in a trial game against Australia. Heys is one of six Newcastle players in doubt for Sunday's match against West Adelaide. Pictured at left is Ian Souness.



Footscray coach
Rocco Ilie

PALINKAS TO FACE NEW BOY PETROV

Joe Palinkas' clash with Chris Petrov will be the highlight of this game at Perry Park.

Palinkas will be playing against Footscray J.U.S.T. for the first time since his

\$17,500 transfer to Brisbane City.

And his opponent will be left back Petrov, who transferred to J.U.S.T. recently from Victorian Metropolitan League club Park Rangers. Before that he played for Makedonia, Sunshine City and once for Victoria.

J.U.S.T.'s new coach Rocco Ilie has done an excellent job organising the team, which obviously will play a defence and counter-attack game in Brisbane, which has never been a happy hunting ground for the Melbourne club.

However, unless J.U.S.T. manages to get at least two top-class players, it will be defending for the rest of the season.

The only new players in Brisbane City's team will be Palinkas and either John Haberle or David Sneddon, both from New Zealand.

The strongest department of the team - its defence - remains intact. Kim Wishart is in goal, holding off a challenge from Martin Coe who by late last week had not been transferred from St George.

The back four, which was all-powerful except in Melbourne last season, is Steve Perry, David Ratcliffe, George Potter and Bill Wilkinson.

Soccerroo midfielder John Coyne received two cautions in practice games, so the club was hoping he would behave

BRISBANE CITY v FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.

himself in a final trial match at the weekend.

Footscray coach Ilie has the choice of playing Ollerton in midfield or defence or strengthening the attack by pushing him forward.

Likely teams:

BRISBANE CITY:
Wishart - Perry, Ratcliffe, Potter, Wilkinson -

Garnney, Hauer or Sneddon, Coyne - Palinkas, Kelsa, Low.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland - Hazabent, O'Reilly, Kondarios, Petrov - Ilioski, Picioane, Jovanovic - Vasic or Belic, Ollerton, Lujic.

Previous results: *977 - F 2-1, 3-1; 1978 - BC 3-0, 2-2; 1979 - F 2-0, BC 2-1.



Footscray right back Igor Hazabent - Outstanding in recent games.



Brisbane City's John Coyne gets up high for a defensive header in Australia's 2-2 draw with Czechoslovakia in Melbourne. No. 11 is Tommy Cummina.

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MARGARITIS NAMES HIS 'TEAM OF THE FUTURE'

SOUTH MELBOURNE v HEIDELBERG

After months of experimentation with his large squad, South Melbourne Hellas coach John Margaritis has named what he considers his ideal line-up.

It is: Peter Laumets — Vince Bannon, Steve Blair, Arthur Xanthopoulos, Alan Davidson — Billy Rogers, Alun Evans, George Christopoulos — Steve Kakantonis, Branko Buljevic, George Campbell.

"That is a young team, complemented by a few older men like Buljevic and Evans, which can serve Hellas with success for many years to come," Margaritis said this week.

But it is not necessarily the team that will meet Heidelberg United in the opening Philips League round at Middle Park on Sunday.

Margaritis stipulates that he regards his ideal line-up as one for the future. In the meantime, he has Frank Munro, Chris Kalafatis, Sammy Wright, Mendo Ristovski and Bertie Lutton to consider.

And centre back Stuart Baxter may yet return from Europe. Hellas

cleared him to play in Sweden, from where he came to join Hellas, but not in England where he is now.

And so, Hellas is likely to continue playing below its full potential until one set of 11 players has operated together over a series of weeks.

Heidelberg has no such problem. Its team has been together for three years — with only minor adjustments — and therefore, has a well-rehearsed style of play.

Margaritis knows the style well, as he coached Heidelberg before rejoining Hella last year.

Sunday's match marks the start of Pat Bannon's and Jimmy Rooney's reign as joint coaches of Heidelberg. The committee announced their appointment at a dinner in Richmond last Friday.

The only selection problem faced by the two coaches is whether to retain Charlie Yankos who



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played well in the Ampol Cup final against Essendon Croatia or to replace him with Theo Selemidis who was away with the Australian team in Noumea.

Yankos has good defensive qualities. Selemidis is an attacking player. Selemidis is likely to get the nod.

Hellas' 4-3 victory over Heidelberg in a recent practice game serves as a pointer to the outcome of their PSL opener. Hellas held a 3-0 lead at half time but after Heidelberg had brought on Gary Cole, Jimmy Rooney, Yacka Banovic and other State players who were rested during the first half, Hellas started to feel the strain.

Cole scored a hat-trick (including a penalty) during that game. He and

fellow striker Jamie Paton will again pose a threat to Hellas' central defence which has been brittle under pressure.

Heidelberg's defence was vulnerable to fast counter-attacks in the Ampol Cup final against Croatia so Hellas may try the same thing, keeping men back to strengthen the defence.

Heidelberg's team is likely to be: Yacka Banovic — Arthur McMillan, John Zendoorn, Pat Bannon, Jim Tansey — Jim Campbell, Theo Selemidis, Jimmy Rooney — Andy Bozikas, Jamie Paton, Gary Cole.

Previous results of games between the two teams:

1977 — H'berg 5-2, 1-1; 1978 — H'berg 4-1, 1-1, 2-1 (Cup); 1979 — H'berg 1-0, 2-2, 2-1 (Cup).



• Laumets



• Bannon



• Xanthopoulos



• Blair



• Davidson



• Rogers



• Evans



• Christopoulos



• Kakantonis



• Buljevic



• Campbell

GLENN DODDS TO MISS APIA GAME

LEICHHARDT v ADELAIDE CITY

APIA-Leichhardt hopes to sign striker Tony Morsello from Inter Monaro in time for the opening round of the PSL.

If Morsello is signed in time, APIA's forward line probably will be Phil O'Connor, Morsello and Brian O'Donnell.

The best of the other newcomers, John Bradley from Scottish club Dundee, will play in midfield alongside Terry Butler and Peter Stone.

Inter Monaro wants \$10,000 for him, but APIA sold him to Inter for only \$1500 two years ago!

APIA also hopes to sign one of Scotland's leading strikers within the next three weeks. No names are being mentioned yet.

Other new players at the club are striker John McKie from the Scottish junior leagues and midfielder Colin McAusland from Melita Eagles.

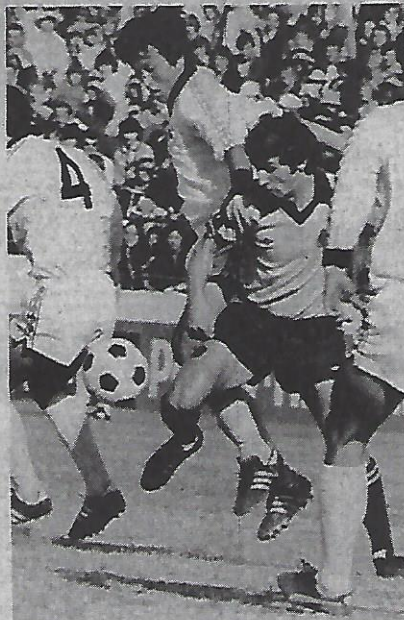
The match against Adelaide City on Sunday will be played at APIA's revamped Lambert Park.

The club spent \$90,000 on improvements so it could make this welcome return to its traditional headquarters.

There are new canteen and toilet blocks, a scoreboard, a fence around the pitch, modernised dressing rooms and referees' rooms, an office under the grandstand, new seats in the grandstand, a new ticket box and electric turnstiles, a TV stand, a \$8000 Press box and the pitch has been returfed.

APIA goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse has recovered from the virus infection he developed in Noumea during Australia's Oceania Cup campaign.

Jim Dempsey and Peter Wilson, the two powerful



John Nyskohus, in action for Australia, barges between South Korean opponents.

centre backs, again will be the backbone of the APIA team.

Dixie Deans was sent off in a practice match against West Adelaide two weeks ago but is available because he served his suspension against Azzurri last weekend.

However, right back Glen Dodds must serve a suspension left over from last season and his place in defence probably will go to John Perin who will play sweeper with Robby Russell moving to right back.

likely teams:

APIA: Woodhouse — Skellern, Dempsey, Wil-

son, Pullen — Bradley, Butler, Stone — O'Connor, T. Morsello, O'Donnell.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall — Russell, Jones, Perin, R. Nyskohus — Muniz, Marocchi, Melia — J. Nyskohus, Deans, Northcote.

In looking at past results of matches between these teams, we can substitute Western Suburbs for APIA in 1977 and 1978, as most of West's players were in APIA's inaugural PSL season.

Previous results:

1977 — West. Subs 2-1, 0-0; 1978 — AC 4-2, 3-2; 1979 — APIA 1-0, 1-1.



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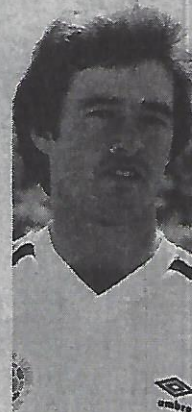
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Canberra City's Danny Moulis (left) shields the ball from South Melbourne's Chris Kent. Moulis will miss Canberra's first game through suspension.

CANBERRA TO UNVEIL NEW SUPER TEAM



● Giampaolo



● Valeri

CANBERRA CITY v BRISBANE LIONS

Canberra City's attendance record is set to tumble in the game against Brisbane Lions at Bruce Stadium.

The club has generated extraordinary interest with its ambitious rebuilding programme aimed at lifting Canberra into the top four.

Lions too, have been busy recruiting Gerry Lindsay from Queensland club Southside Eagles, John Reid from Annerley and Mark McNaughton and Johan Verweij from New Zealand.

Verweij and McNaughton will clash with two of their former New Zealand team mates, Duncan Cole and Richard Wilson, if these two get the OK to play for Canberra.

Up to last week there were still hitches in the transfer negotiations.

The NZ Association wants Canberra to pass a bond guaranteeing that the two players will be made available for NZ national team duty. FIFA says NZ has no right to do so.

Midfielder Cole, goalkeeper Wilson and strikers McNaughton and Verweij all have represented New Zealand.

Unfortunately, Steve Hogg may not win his way into Lions' team for this match against his former team.

But the fans should roll up in their thousands to see star recruits Sebastian Giampaolo and Walter Valeri in their debut for Canberra.

The club last week bought Giampaolo for \$22,000 and Valeri for \$18,000 — both from NSW State League club Inter Monaro.

The hefty fees puts great pressure on these two strikers. They realise they will have to play very well

indeed to justify their price.

Luckily, they will get a lot of help from central striker Tony Brennan, who will have an interesting battle with his former team mates Jim Hermiston and Col Bennett.

Hermiston, incidentally, is the only player in Australian soccer who was more expensive than Giampaolo, costing Lions a total of \$30,000 when he switched from Grange Thistle in early 1978.

The Giampaolo, Valeri, Brennan attacking partnership, assisted either by Terry Byrne breaking from midfield or by Don MacLaren on the wing, will severely test the Lions rearguard.

Added thrust will be provided by the great Harry



Williams attacking from left back.

Right back Danny Moulis has to serve a suspension, so his place will go to Mike O'Shea or John Brown.

It's a match that's worth travelling a long way to see.

Let's hope the players do it justice.

Likely t tteams:

CANBERRA: Wilson or Hozzowski — M. O'Shea or Brown, R. O'Shea, Stark, Williams — Cole or Farrell, Byrne or MacLaren, J. O'Shea — Giampaolo, Valeri, Brennan.

BRISBANE LIONS: Lownds — Ontong, Hermiston, Bennett, Niven — Wilson, Lindsay, Millman — Reid, McNaughton, Verweij.

Previous results: 1977 — Can 1-0, BL 2-1; 1978 — BL 1-0, CC 2-1; 1979 — BL 2-1, 0-0.



John O'Shea (left) outjumps Brisbane Lions' Alan Venables. O'Shea is now with Canberra City.

Young Socceroos to try luck overseas



South Melbourne's Socceroos, George Christopoulos, and Alan Davidson (middle) will try their luck with overseas clubs in August.

Both are currently with the national youth team competing in the Oceania Cup tournament in New Caledonia.

They hope to try out with clubs in

England, west Germany, Greece and the United States on their August travels.

"If we don't try now, we'll regret it for the rest of our lives," Davidson said.

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On the Ball

The Player's Viewpoint



MY SIGHTS WERE SET ON MANFRED'S RECORD

It's going to break my heart having to sit on the sidelines and watch my new club Blacktown City take on my old club St. George at Gabbie Stadium in the opening round of the Phillips League this weekend.

I would like nothing better than to help Blacktown knock off St. George. Firstly, I want my new club to win its first ever PSL match and secondly I would like to prove to St. George that it was wrong to let me go.

The name G. Harris will not be on the Blacktown team sheet, but with Bobby Charlton in the team and playing in front of the home crowd, our boys will hopefully come out on top.

It's ironic that the things keeping me out of this game are to do with St. George.

I have a one-game suspension to serve after picking up 12 penalty points last season playing for St. George. The 'yellow card' that took me to 12 points and automatic suspension was handed out in the Phillips Cup final last season.

That was the last game I played for St. George, ending a 12-year career with the Saints.

Unfortunately, St. George lost the Cup final 2-2 to Adelaide City at the Olympic Sports Field in Adelaide.

However, even if I weren't under suspension, it's doubtful whether I could play or not.

As you probably know, I broke my arm a couple of weeks ago in a trial game against St. George, of all clubs.

The injury came when I went to tackle Roy Cotton. He took the ball inside me and I tried to tackle him. Unfortunately, I was off balance and stumbled.

My arm made contact with Roy's hip and that was the end of that.

I have had a pin put in my arm, which has allowed me to keep training. I played a practice game at training last week, and the arm didn't feel too bad.

If the arm had been put in plaster, I would have been out of action for three months. The pin means I will be restricted for only four or five weeks, and should be fit for the second round of the PSL.

One thing that made me bitter was the reaction of some St. George followers. A few 'downs' had to go at me and were cheering when I had to leave the field.

Their behavior disappointed me but most of the St. George fans were sympathetic when I suffered the injury.

I'll miss my chance to show St. George firsthand that it was wrong to give me away but I have all season to prove my point. Of course, there is the match at St. George Stadium later this season.

I won't disguise the fact that I was unhappy to be told I was no longer wanted at St. George, and it has given me the determination to prove the club wrong.

St. George coach Raul Blanco told me that 'I wasn't the type of player the club was looking for', and it was made clear no one would stand in the way of me leaving.

No player likes hearing that kind of news, especially after 12 years with the club. I thought that I had played as well defensively as I ever had in 1978, and I was looking forward to the 1980 season.

At the end of last season I had played around 340 games for St. George. Manfred Schaefer holds the club record of 380, and I had set my sights in breaking that record.

I have won premierships and cups with St. George and represented NSW and Australia. Yet, making the most appearances for St. George would have been perhaps my proudest honor.

St. George has had many great players over the years and to hold the club record for appearances is something I had set my sights on. It would be a proud achievement to look back on.

I was maybe only one season away from doing that, but unfortunately that's all in the past now. I don't feel vindictive towards the club, but I am quite disappointed.

The name St. George means a hell of a lot to the people of the district. I grew up in the district, and whether it be Rugby League or soccer, St. George teams always were held in high regard.

The Rugby League team is still at the top but the soccer team's run of success if well and truly finished.

As a local kid, I was proud to play for St. George alongside so many great players like Johnny Warren, Doug Utjesenovic, Atti Abonyi and Adrian Alston.

The club stopped being successful when some of the greats left. Abonyi was given away for virtually nothing,



GEORGE HARRIS

Alston left for Sawefay Utd. and Warren retired.

Over the years, the club made some strange decisions when letting players go but to me, the biggest mistake came this season when the O'Shea brothers were allowed to go to Canberra City.

John O'Shea was a fine clubman and had the character to be a future club captain.

The O'Sheas were local boys but the club had no hesitation letting them go.

I'm sure the people of the St. George district want to see local boys in the soccer team, but the club obviously doesn't think so.

St. George has cleared many players from last season, saying it needs new blood. It's a radical step for the club, especially after St. George tried to run a PSL team on a minimal budget for three years.

Still, it's hard for me to speak badly of the Saints after 12 years. I hope they have a good season — as long as they finish below Blacktown City.

I was approached by several State League Clubs when St. George decided to release me but I didn't have to think long before accepting Blacktown's offer.

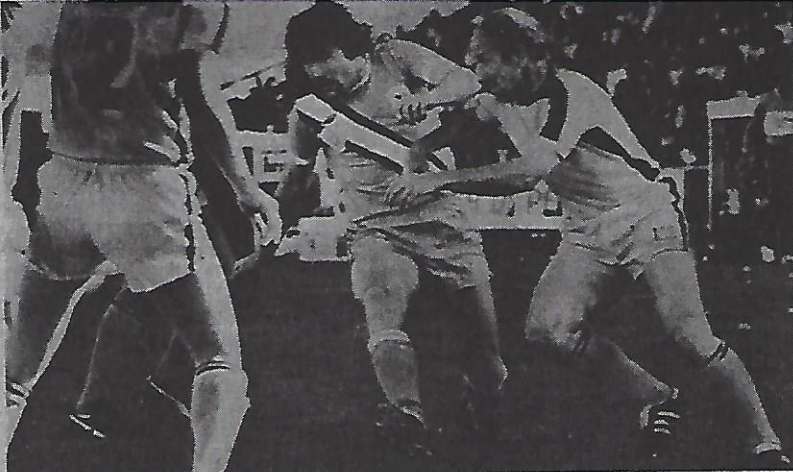
Coach Mick Jones said he wanted me and I know I'm good enough for the PSL. There's no use playing in a lower standard when to play at the top is every player's desire.

Blacktown faces a great challenge this season and I'm looking forward to being part of it.

Jones has proved himself to be a knowledgeable coach. He took Hakoah to a premiership and has lifted two clubs up through several divisions.

Jones is used to pressure coaching and that's why he is the man to lead Blacktown in 1980.

Being realistic, Blacktown should be aiming for a middle of the table position this season. If the players aim for this, it's quite possible that we could get good results and finish well in the top half of the league.



Bobby Charlton (right) in action for Newcastle KB United against Marconi's Paul Degney in 1978.

Hunter and Fisher 'fed' by Charlton

Ian Hunter, described by Rudi Gutendorf as the find of the Oceania Cup series, makes his Phillips League debut in this match at Gabbie Stadium.

He has stirred almost as much interest as Blacktown's guest star Bobby Charlton. Hunter, bought from Nepean, was in Gutendorf's team for the world youth championship qualifying games in the summer of 1978/79.

He slipped back into the obscurity of minor league soccer with Nepean but when he returned to the young Soccer team for the Oceania Cup, he had developed into a deadly striker.

He came on only as a substitute in the first two matches against New Caledonia (8-0) and Papua New Guinea (11-2), yet still managed five goals.

His attacking partnership with Alan Fisher should guarantee Blacktown quite a few goals this season.

On Sunday they have the advantage of being 'fed' by the great Bobby Charlton, who still holds the goalscoring record of the England national team.

Charlton, who guested with Azzurri during the Western Australian pre-season competition, will play only this one match for Blacktown before returning to England.

His presence ensures that there will be a big crowd at the game.

Blacktown coach Mick Jones has been searching for a centre back to add to his squad. If he is unsuccessful, he may use Bruce Stowell, who has been lured out of retirement. Stowell was the 'Soccer Action' — Yugoslav Airlines 1976 NSW Player of the Year while with Pan Hellenic.

BLACKTOWN CITY v ST. GEORGE

Stowell would play behind Cliff Pointer who has the unenviable task of having to mark Saints' striker Peter Beggs from Sutherland.

At the other end, Richard Yamine and Doug Utjesenovic will be doing their best to stop not only Hunter and Fisher but perhaps also Blacktown's English recruit Paul Wilkinson who scored 24 goals in the Cheshire League last season.

Likely teams:
BLACKTOWN: James — Taylor, Stowell, Pointer, Turnbull — Harding, Hornsby, Charlton — Hunter, Fisher, Cuk or Wilkinson.

ST. GEORGE: Smith — McIntosh, Utjesenovic, Yamine, Terry — Davies, Katholou, Grevi — Cotton, Beggs, Griffiths.

Previous results: Blacktown is in its first PSL season.



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DUNLOP SPORTS FOOTWEAR



George Harris, front row, second from right, with the 1977 Australian World Cup Squad. The players, with the clubs for which they played then and now, standing, from left: Gary Marocchi (Adelaide City), Dave Harding (Western Suburbs, Blacktown), David Jones (West Adelaide, Adelaide City), John Kosmina (West Adelaide),

Jack Reilly (South Melbourne, currently without a contract), Allan Maher (Marconi), Murray Barnes (Sydney City), Peter Ollerton (South Melbourne, Footscray), Col Bennett (Brisbane Lions), coach Jim Shoulder. Front: physiotherapist Peter van Rijn, Attia Abonyi (Sydney Croatia, now coach

of Melita Eagles), John Nyskohus (Adelaide City), Agenor Munk (Adelaide City), Peter Wilson (Western Suburbs, APIA), Jimmy Rooney (Marconi, Heidelberg), Gary Byrne (Marconi), George Harris (St. George, Blacktown), Harry Williams (St. George, Canberra City).

Religion caused switch of final

From page one

Alan Davidson, a whirlwind defender who also attacks furiously, was one of the stars of the final. Ian Hunter and Eddie Krncevic were excellent in attack and little Paul Kay showed outstanding skill and also a nose for goal. He scored twice.

Theo Selemidis had some exciting attacking raids from midfield and the right back. Danny Moulis, scored the most breathtaking goal of the tournament.

With the score at 1-1, Moulis went on a long run forward and when the ball was played in from the right, he executed an acrobatic overhead scissors kick for the goal that put Australia back into the lead.

Australia started well, with Kay scoring after only four minutes, but Tahiti replied seven minutes later through Andre Wabealo.

Then came Moulis' goal — and it was this goal that set the Australians on their road to victory.

Their confidence at a peak, the Socceroos launched some breathtaking attacks and in the 29th minute, after a good



Greg Woodhouse

passing movement with Ian Hunter, Paul Kay scored his second and Australia's third goal.

Tahiti's captain Errol Bennett got clear of his marker early in the second half to make the score 3-2 but Australian substitute Vic Bozanic replied to put the result beyond doubt.

It was due to Bennett that the final was rescheduled from Sunday to Saturday.

Bennet is a Mormon whose faith will not allow him to play football on Sundays. Tahiti sought agreement from Australia to change the date, even before Tahiti had beaten Fiji 6-3 to qualify for the final.

Shrewd Gutendorf, knowing that whichever team qualified would have to play two games in as

Details of Australia's matches last week in the Oceania Cup:
AUSTRALIA 11 (Sharne 4, Hunter 3, Krncevic, Moulis, Bertogna, Bozanic)
PAPUA NEW GUINEA 2 (Mougli, Torral).

Australian ratings: Banovic 8 — Moulis 8, Christopoulos 9, Bertogna 8, Bozanic 9 — Raskopoulos 6 (Brussac), Hogg 7, Davidson 9 — Kay 6, Krncevic 8 (Hunter 10 half time), Sharne 10.
AUSTRALIA 1 (Krncevic) NEW HEBRIDES 0.

Australian ratings: Banovic 9 (Wood-

house 9) — Hogg 7, Christopoulos 7, Blair 9, Davidson 9 — Bozanic 7, Selemidis 7, Kay 7 — Sharne 7 (Injured, sub. Brussac), Krncevic 6, Hunter 7 (Injured, sub. Moulis).

Final: AUSTRALIA 4 (Kay 2, Moulis, Bozanic) TAHITI 2 (Wabealo, Bennett).

Australian ratings: Woodhouse 8 (Injured, sub. Banovic) — Moulis 8 (Bozanic), Christopoulos 8, Hogg 8, Davidson 9 — Raskopoulos 8, Bertogna 8, Selemidis 9 — Hunter 9 (Brussac), Krncevic 9, Kay 8.



Peter Sharne

left playing 20 or 30 successive passes in its own half, while New Hebrides watched patiently.

Eddie Krncevic, the tall, powerful goal machine, scored the only goal of the game in the 26th minute, but he did not play well. The Australian stars of this game were Alan Davidson, Steve Blair and goalkeeper Yaka Banovic and Woodhouse who played one half each.

Woodhouse had returned after missing the game against Papua-New Guinea due to a virus infection.

The Papua-New Guinea team was absolute rubbish. Australia may have won 11-2, but it did not play particularly well — it did not have to!

The better players in that display were Sharne, Hunter and Davidson.

Gutendorf could not have been happier after the tournament.

"Never before has Australia achieved such results. Sir Arthur George said to me that in the past, even if we played against a team of blind men with no goalkeeper, we did not manage to score so many goals," Gutendorf said.

Gutendorf said he rated forward Ian Hunter as his "big discovery".

"The boy has developed into a real goalscorer and the best thing is that he is eligible for the world youth finals next year," he said.

In closing, I'm sure the Australians will join me in expressing best wishes to Papua-New Guinea player Valuku, who broke his right leg in a tackle on Krncevic.

And my compliments go to Gutendorf's glamorous wife, Ute.

Because she was the only one in the Australian party who can speak French, she was in constant demand by journalists, tournament officials and fans and she was a delight to deal with.

AROUND THE WORLD

Yakko Banovic got his first international cap in Noumea, and now is eligible to play in England according to the British Home Office regulations.

It is expected that Yakko will soon be flying to London to finalise the details of his transfer to Derby County.

According to some rumours, South Melbourne Helias is interested in obtaining an English international midfielder who would cost the club \$40,000 and weekly payments of \$500. The name is unknown!!!!

The Hungarian international of Ferencvaros, Tibor Nyilasi who has represented his country 26 times, announced last October his early retirement from soccer due to kidney trouble.

Nyilasi re-appeared in front of his committee recently and asked if he could start training again.

His request was accepted and his return is imminent.

The Metropolitan League team of Heidelberg United, will work miracles this year.

It's coach is a priest, Father Gamsanski, ex-player and coach of Marlborough Polonia.

The Italian newspaper, "Gazzetta dello Sport", asked its readers this question...

"Who is the best Italian soccer player of the past 35 years?"

The readers voted, first, Gianni Rivera and second, Sandro Mazzola.

The Phillips League kicks off on Sunday. To the 14 teams I wish them GOOD LUCK.....



With ELIAS DONOUDIS

My tip for Sunday's match at Middle Park? I think the Greeks will win!!!!!!

Bobby Provan (Heidelberg) is recovering from a cartilage operation.

"Soccer Action" wishes him a speedy recovery.

The players of Holland's national team have made a record that has reached No. 1 on the charts.

KERR, GUSIC

Nunawading City and Green Gully Ajax under 16s drew — in the curtain-raiser to the Victoria v NSW match at Olympic Park on Sunday.

Ajax scored first through Brian Kerr jnr and John Gusic headed in the equaliser.

Nunawading, coached by former Footscray JUST and Victorian winger Enlo Marinovic, has won successive championships since the boys were nine. It also has won the JLMC Cups and an Ampol Cup.

Ajax, coached by Brian Kerr, Sr., won't the VSF Cup last year.

Teams: NUNAWADING: Ricky Turinovic, Peter Lackner, Russell Parrott (Adrian Fenech), Ian Tomkins, John Gusic, Keith Valentine, Jim Corbett, Guy Bakker, Emil Peter, Pahlina, Greg Henke, Patrick Penham. Reserves: John Elencheski, John Arnold.

Ajax, coached by Brian Kerr, Sr., won't the VSF Cup last year.

nic, Dane Baranic, Paul Buxton, Alan Watson, David Fenech, Eddie Kuzman, Wally Spiteri, Brian Kerr jnr. Reserves: Tony Duvnjak, Peter O'Shanney.



many days, naturally agreed.

The strain certainly told on the Tahitians, who were not as sharp as they had been in earlier games.

In the play-off for third place, New Caledonia beat Fiji 2-1. The final four placings were: 1. Australia, 2. Tahiti, 3. New Caledonia, 4. Fiji.

New Zealand failed miserably, losing 1-3 to Tahiti and 0-4 to Fiji.

The story goes that after their loss to Tahiti, the New Zealanders went out on the town, much to the displeasure of their coach, John Adshead.

As punishment, Adshead put his players through two strenuous training sessions in 30-degree heat the following day, with the

result that they lost even more heavily to Fiji.

New Zealand, incidentally, had a composite team made up partly of experienced internationals and partly of young players.

Australia showed its tactical maturity not only in the final but also in the 1-0 victory over New Hebrides.

Australian Soccer Federation president Sir Arthur George, who is also boss of the Oceania Confederation, was displeased by Australia's display in this game — but there was no reason for him to feel that way.

The New Hebrides team packed its defence, determined to avoid the type of

hammering Australia had given New Caledonia and Papua-New Guinea.

Also, the New Hebrides defenders roughed up a few of the Australian forwards, with the result that Sharne suffered that injury of his and Ian Hunter also started to limp.

I talked to Gutendorf afterwards and he told me that from that point, he instructed his players to play possession passes. His aim was to avoid further injuries and also to try to lure New Hebrides out of defence, to create space for his forwards.

But New Hebrides refused to venture away from its goal, with the result that Australia was

Croatia will be out to erase memories of last year's loss to Sutherland in the Cup final when they meet in a semi-final match tonight (Wednesday) at St. George Stadium.

Croatia however has to overcome two obstacles before it can take its place in the 1980 final, the first being its poor scoring potential which nearly brought it undone against Auburn and the second being the determined, youthful Sutherland side which surprised the expensive Arncliffe outfit in reaching the semis.

Olympic has played the likes of Melita and Sutherland whereas the best Bankstown can claim is Auburn. This aside, Olympic has the likes of Wilson and Eason and the experience of three years in the FSL.

My choice — Olympic to win comfortably.

On the eve of the semi-finals the most consistent thing to come out of the 1980 Ampol Cup is the inconsistent form displayed by the "fancied runners".

Bankstown's performance against Yugal just before the quarter finals could be des-



NSW AMPOL CUP

With TED SMITHIES

cribed only as poor and yet it came out and defeated the previously sparkling Wollongong.

Wollongong, which had promised so much, was flat and undisciplined and so bowed out of the 1980 cup.

Croatia's recent form in defeating Auburn was not up to its previous standard and it only just produced enough to move into the semis.

Such showings hardly endear sides to their supporters and I think it is about time players kept their heads down and tried to live up to their supporters' expectations.

Bankstown 2 Wollongong 1

Ground: St. George Stadium
Crowd: 3486
Goals: Tansey 41, Davis 68, Jirsa (penalty) 59.

Bankstown: Lackovic 6, Lembrak 6, Thompson 6, Beater 6, Lynch 6, (Morrisson) Rootsey 6, Tansey 6, Puck 6, Daley 6, Davis 6.

Wollongong: Vardoroff 6, Trejorvold 7, Campbell 6, Terziovic 6, Talevski 6, R. Sartin 6, (Vaquaz 77), R. Sartin 6, Defkovic 6, Fontana 6, Bingham 6, Jirsa 6.

Bankstown hosted Wollongong out of this year's Ampol Cup with a deserved win at St. George Stadium last Wednesday night.

Bankstown knew just the right tactics to use against this Wollongong side which previously had shown so much attacking flair.

The purposeful way in which it went about its job bore no resemblance to its display only a week earlier against Yugal.

But Wollongong on the other hand made a blunder in attempting to forget its natural attacking flair and concentrate on a defensive game with only two men up front.

As a result Wollongong was flat and indecisive and could manage only one goal from a penalty compared with eight goals in its three previous matches.

Bankstown pushed to the front in the 41st minute with a first-class goal. Davis jumped high to nod the ball down Tansey who didn't waste the opportunity and blasted the ball into the net.

After the break Bankstown continued to pressure and allowed Wollongong little freedom. This negated any chance of a revival which had typified Wollongong's previous matches.

Wollongong brought the score to 1-1 in the 59th minute with a penalty goal by Jirsa after the Bankstown defender Lembrak had fouled Sartin in the area.

In the 68th minute Bankstown has again in the lead when Davis scored. From this time on it looked to be only a matter of time before Bankstown would score again.

Wollongong was a well beaten side and I think Mike Johnson must take the blame. Wollongong is made up of players who like to attack and



while it is essential to plug up the soft spots, winning games which have appeared at the back, they should not be forced to entirely forget their natural game and adopt a solely defensive approach.

Croatia 1 Auburn 0

Scorer: Smith (C) 10th min.
Ground: St. George Stadium
Crowd: 3486
Referee: T. Davis 9

CROATIA: S. Watson 6, A. Kovacic 6, P. Mullen 6, T. Basic 7, G. Smith 6, V. Dudaric 6, B. Cagalj 6, W. Cootes 6, C. Coleman 7, M. Kovacic 8, B. Pagano 6.

AUBURN: R. Gisbourne 6, G. McCoy 7, K. Dobson 7, G. Fairclough 6, P. Carter 6, R. Cornett 6, J. McDonald 8, C. Prgomelja 6, J. McCranor 6, T. Bertram 6, M. Ross 6.

This game did not live up to its expectations, and the 1-0 scoreline says it all — Croatia were only just that little bit the better side on the night.

Croatia's goal came in the 16th minute after a mixup in Auburn's goalmouth. Gisbourne failed to take the ball cleanly off a corner and at least one ensuing shot was blocked off the line before Smith fired a low shot from the edge of the area. Gisbourne was still off his line and the covering defenders were scattered about the area.

Both sides squandered opportunities and if points were given out for clearing the ball off the line, then the match would have finished in a draw. Croatia's supporters must have had their hearts in their mouths in the 38th minute when a corner was awarded after Watson tipped a sizzling shot over the bar. Following the corner Auburn peppered the goal with shots only to see the ball cleared off the line.

Auburn was quick to imitate Croatia when only two minutes later Gisbourne was again caught off his line and it was left to Ross to head the ball clear.

Both sides had further chances but a lack of decisive finishing saw what looked to be certain goals go begging. Croatia was the luckiest in this area when McCoy raced down field beating two defenders and drawing the keeper only to miss his shot near the bar.

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South Australian Ampol Cup

with MENO TOUTSIDIS

Beograd unbeaten

Elizabeth issued its strongest Ampol Cup warning to favorites Beograd last Friday night.

It held Beograd to a 2-2 draw in the final game before the semi-finals which were played on Monday night, but were too late to be included in this report.

The draw kept Beograd's unbeaten record intact.

Beograd played Cumberland in the first semi-final while Elizabeth clashed with Victoria.

It seemed certain that it would be a Beograd-Elizabeth final on Friday night at Hindmarsh Stadium, which lost the first two games of the competition, but remained unbeaten in the last five, charged to a 2-0 lead after 45 minutes.

But Beograd staged a gal-

lant comeback and wiped out the deficit with goals in the 80th and 85th minutes.

Lou Delfos opened the scoring with a 24th minute penalty kick and three minutes after half time Greg Buch added the finishing touch to City's second goal.

Beograd started its rivalry when Glen Wickstein slammed a close range shot past Tony Collins and five minutes later Adrian Santrac equalised with a great dipping drive.

In the early game, Victoria and Polonia drew 0-0.

Polonia needed to win by at least three goals to have had any hope of qualifying.

Polonia: Jacques 6, Di Bartolo 7, Tinner 7, Kucmarak 7,

Stanek 7, H. Kolecki 7 (vvin-ter), Markov 7, Typek 8, Koza 6, (Nadolny), Kritikos 8, Cademero 7.

Victoria: Green 7 (Gale), Jost 7, Waxman 8, Higgins 6, Fyfe 8, McKie 7 (Hutchinson), Kay 8, Mikulec 7, Boyle 7, Elliott 7, Mitchell 8 (Mettacok).

Beograd 2 Wickstein 80 mins, Santrac 85 mins, Eltzabeth 2 (L. Delfos 24 mins, Buch 43 mins).

Beograd: Marlic 7, Campbell 7, Slim 8, Harwood 7, Marsden 7, Opsic 7, Kallmovic 6, Wickstein 8, Tenevski 7 (Arzina 7), Santrac 8, Jankovic 7.

Elizabeth: Collins 7, Holland 7, L. Delfos 7, Strain 8, Greenhalgh 7, Henderson 8, Boyd 7, Lees 7, Ward 7, Hughes 7, Buch 8.

Torque, Sudden sign for Hakoah, crisis for 'Cross

Victorian round-up
with KYLE PATTERSON

Hakoah St Kilda has signed striker Freek Torque and defender Nigel Sudden.

Torque, who played with Juventus and Ringwood City in the early 1970s, recently returned to Australia after playing in South Africa and Holland. His last club was DEK Rotterdam in Holland, which gave the veteran striker a free clearance.

Sudden joins Hakoah from Tasmanian State League club White Eagles, which is the current champion of Tasmania.

Midfielder Stewart Blair, who wanted a transfer early this season, has reconciled with his club.

Blair, who has two years to run on his present contract, was believed to be stale after five years with Hakoah.

However, he is now happy to stay with Hakoah.

Hakoah may have seen the last of midfielder/defender Gerry Edmondson.

Edmondson has returned to England, and it is not certain whether he will come back.

Matsson, Agius retire

George Cross' goalkeeping problem has reached crisis point.

With important Dockety Cup matches coming up and the State League championship less than a month away, the club is without a senior goalkeeper.

Gerry Rice has returned to Britain, and Svez Matsson and young Joe Agius have given the game away.

George Cross, fully realising the trouble it is in, straight to the top World Cup goalkeeper Jack Reilly.

Reilly, the former South Melbourne, Heidelberg and St George star, is unsettled at Juventus and wants to leave.

However, Reilly turned his back on George Cross, and failed to show up at a practice match.

George Cross is disappointed at Reilly's attitude. The club is now searching the transfer market for a top goalkeeper.

In other bad news for George Cross, midfielder John Bernard has left Australia, and is unlikely to return.

Bernard, who joined George Cross from Preston Makedonia during last season, was on a temporary visa during his stay in this country.

Bernard first played for Sunshine City.

Former George Cross midfielder Paul Murphy is anxious to return to Australia, but can't join his old club.

The fireball Irishman is on a temporary visa, and George Cross already has five such players, meaning it can't import any more.

George Cross is willing to help another club bring out Murphy, who played in the club's 1972 State League championship team.

Any interested clubs should contact George Cross.

Five-a-side at Hawthorn

The Hawthorn Community Centre has organised an indoor five-a-side tournament, and

wants to hear from any teams interested in participating.

The competition will be played on Sunday mornings between 10.30 am and 6 pm, at the centre in Linda Crescent, Hawthorn.

Each team will have a goalkeeper and four outfield players, with a maximum of five reserve players.

Games will last 30 minutes (two 15 minute periods).

The Community Centre hopes to start the competition in the second week of April. However, a meeting has been arranged on Thursday, March 13 at the Community Centre for all interested parties.

Any enquiries ring Jim Cooper, phone 570 8907 (after hours) or Neil Bennett, phone 819 2444 (business hours).

Trouble at Frankston

Leading administrators Les Smith and Del Lines have refused to return to Frankston City because the new administration 'regards to the soccer team as being an incidental and secondary part of the club'.

Smith, who quit Frankston along with Lines in early February, warned the club it was now the main candidate for relegation from the State League.

'The new administration wants to build a big social club in the next few years, and cut back expenditure on the soccer team,' said Smith. 'The club will stagnate, and Del and I couldn't work under those terms.'

Smith was speaking after a special meeting of Frankston members last week, which was called to solve the crisis that had split the club in two.

The faction that supports concentration on the soccer club is now firmly in control. The other group, which wanted to build a strong team, is on the outer.

The crisis started because Frankston incurred a heavy loss last season, and the 'social' group blamed Frankston's large recruiting scheme for the plunge into the red.

The 'social' group advocates that expenditure on the soccer team be slashed. The social club would then be turned into a more profitable operation in a bid to get the club onto a sound financial footing.

The 'soccer' group realises the financial deficit must be heavily reduced, but argues that the recovery will stem from having a successful team.

'Del and I appreciate that fact that Frankston must consolidate financially, but we could have built a strong team on a limited budget,' said Smith.

'Success breeds success, and if the team does well on the field, it will be reflected in an increase in membership.'

'Supporters and sponsors will not get behind a losing team.'

Smith said some of the Frankston's membership jumped from around 50 in 1978, when the team finished seventh, to 300 in 1979, when the team finished second.

Smith said some of the in-

crease could be attributed to the club moving to new headquarters at McClelland Drive, but that in the main, the team's success caused the massive new wave of interest.

Smith and Lines resigned over the Jimmy Dunne affair.

'We had budgeted to spend a limited amount on the team this season,' said Smith, 'and went about and organised for Jimmy Dunne to play with Frankston.'

'We arranged a contract and cleared the way for him to immigrate. Then when we asked the club for money to pay his air fare, we were told to forget about bringing him out.'

In a similar move, the new administration vetoed the transfer of Nick Lowe from Sunshine City to Frankston.

'Del and I were left with egg on our faces because of the Dunne incident,' said Smith. 'We had to ring Dunne and say the deal was off, after promising him Frankston was a good club and would look after him.'

Smith said he felt sorry for new coach Nigel Bevis.

'The club wouldn't have to spend a lot of money to have a good team,' said Smith, 'but now Nigel will be battling up hill with only a few experienced players and a handful of youngsters.'

The leaders of the 'social' group at Frankston City are three men formerly involved with the local VFA club.

They are: Mr Bob Brown (chairman), Mr Mike Hartney (secretary) and Mr Geoff Moran (treasurer).

Smith said he wished the club all the best for the 1980 season.

'I've been with Frankston 10 years, and will still support the club,' said Smith. 'But I can't help thinking that the new administration, which has a decided lack of knowledge and ability in soccer management, is doing the wrong thing by the club.'

Kourevelli new coach

John Kourevellis is the new coach of Second Division Provisional League club Hawthorn Citizens.

Kourevellis was coach of Hawthorn Citizens in 1975, when he led the club to promotion, finishing second behind Brunswick East.

For the past three seasons, Kourevellis has been coaching junior teams at South Melbourne.

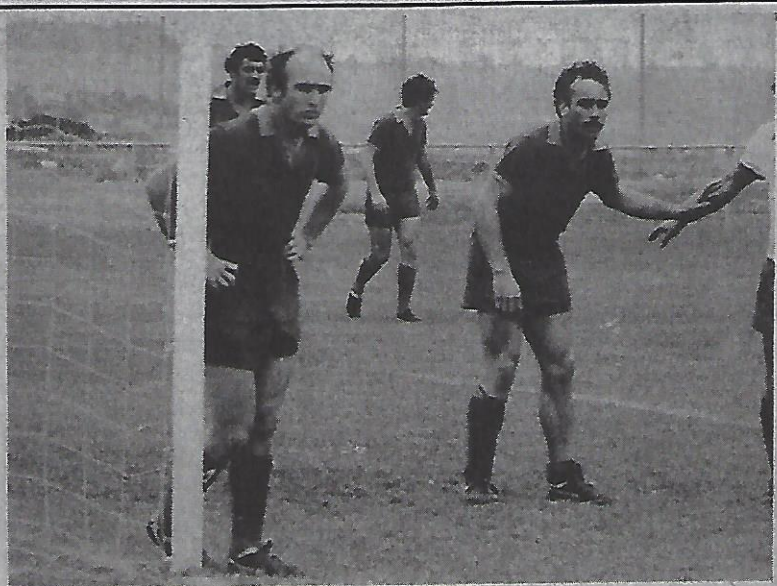
Kourevellis replaces 1979 player/coach Manos Mikos, who is now coach of Second Division team Port Melbourne.

Tough defender Peter Tsipos, who joined Hawthorn from Collingwood City last season, wants to join Milos at Port Melbourne.

Tsipos has an option to return free to Collingwood City (now called Northcote City), but has decided on joining Port Melbourne.

Hawthorn has lost three other players from last season's team.

The Kabyakis brothers have transferred back to their old club South Oakleigh, and goalkeeper Kasimis wants to join Mordialloc.



Vince Bannon (left) joined South Melbourne this season, and now his brother God (right) may also transfer. Both are pictured in Frankston City colors, with Norrie Campbell and Danny McChaukey in the background.

CROATIA TEST FOR NELSON AND BANNON

Preston Makedonia 'recruits' God Bannon and Alex Nelson are likely to be put through a test of strength and character in a practice match against Victorian champion Essendon Croatia at B. T. Connor Reserve this Sunday (March 9).

Bannon and Nelson have been training under Makedonia coach Brian Edgley, but good performances by the players against the tough Croatia team will do more to convince the club of their worth and ability than any training session.

Makedonia is desperate to break Croatia's grip on Victoria's major honors, and would be interested in signing Bannon and Nelson if their style of play was successful against Croatia.

Bannon is a tough midfielder, and has played well against Croatia in the past. God, like his brothers Pat of Heidelberg and Vince of South Melbourne, has fierce determination and will to win.

He is a key player with Frankston City last season, and is available for transfer at a moderate fee of \$3,000.

Nelson played in the national league with Heidelberg Utd before transferring to Fourth Division club Ringwood Utd.

He is a well-built centre half, and has good speed for a big man — always an asset against the quick Croatia's forwards.

Makedonia is likely to give Bannon and Nelson at least half a game against Croatia.

Bannon suffered a shoulder injury when he played for Makedonia against Footscray JUST in a practice match two weeks ago.

Ironically, Bannon suffered the injury against Makedonia while playing for Frankston in the State League Cup last season.

He aggravated the complaint against Footscray, but seems sure to be fit for the clash with Croatia.

Even though this match is friendly, the teams will be

playing flat-out to win. With the State League championship kick-off not far away, a victory would be an important psychological boost for the winner.

Makedonia is the only team in the State League capable of matching Croatia this season. Over the past two seasons, Makedonia has failed to halt the Croatia forward march, and this season, the prospects don't look much better.

It's not so much the question of the players' ability. Croatia has many fine players, and Makedonia, too, has several players of real class.

The question is of teamwork: can Makedonia combine successfully as a unit and match Croatia's teamwork?

Coach Brian Edgley has the raw materials for a good team, and his job is to put together the jigsaw.

The game on Sunday will give some indication how close Makedonia is from hitting on the right combination. The game will also show how close Makedonia is to matching Croatia's teamwork.

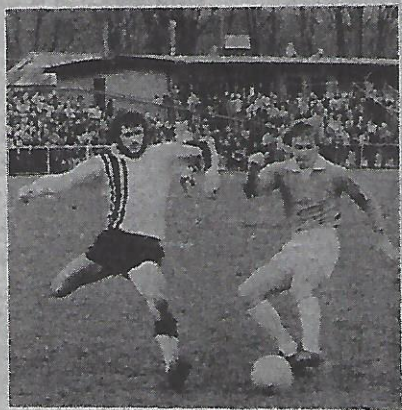
While Makedonia is experimenting with Bannon and Nelson, Croatia may also use the game to try different players.

Keith Adams is back from overseas, and a run in this match would obviously help him regain some fitness. Alan Kerr and Howard Andrews are two other players who may be given a run.

The game should be great entertainment for the big crowd expected at B. T. Connor Reserve.

The senior game will kick off at 3.30 pm, preceded by a match between the clubs' reserves teams, (starting at 2.15 pm) and under 16 team (1 pm).

— KYLE PATTERSON



Alex Nelson (left) tackles South Melbourne's Duncan Cummings. Nelson is on trial with Makedonia.



Croatia's Ken Murphy fires a shot past Green Gully's Steve Carpenter during a practice game last weekend. Green Gully won 3-0.



Croatia midfielder Howard Andrews, who recently resumed training.

DISTRICT CUP DRAW

The Victorian District League Cup (Reserves) Cup will start on Sunday March 18. Kick-off times for both cups are 2.45 pm.

DISTRICT LEAGUE CUP

First Round — Sunday March 18: Burnley v Pascoe Vale, Diamond Creek v Yarraluen, Moonee Ponds v Mossfield, Cranbourne v North Melbourne, East Carlton v Mitcham United, Monbulk v Central City, Banksia v Balclutha, North Sunshine v Hampton Wanderers, Cheltenham v West Geelong, West Brunswick v Clarinda, Altona United v West Melbourne, Baxter v Vermont, Noble Park v Malvern City, BYE: Parkmore and Central Brunswick.

Second Round — Sunday March 23: Parkmore v Yarra-

ville or Hampton Wanderers, Altona United or West Melbourne v West Brunswick or Clarinda, Banksia or Balclutha v Moonee Ponds or Mossfield, Rangers, Noble Park or Malvern City v Diamond Creek or Yarraluen, East Carlton or Mitcham United v North Sunshine or Seaford United, Monbulk or Central City v Cheltenham or West Geelong, Cranbourne or North Melbourne v Central Brunswick, Baxter or Vermont v Burnley or Pascoe Vale.

DISTRICT LEAGUE (RESERVES) CUP

First Round — Sunday March 18: Vermont v Cranbourne, Burnley v North Sunshine, Yarraluen v West Melbourne, West Brunswick v Central City, North Melbourne v Baxter, Altona United v Seaford United, Noble Park v

Cheltenham, East Carlton v Monbulk, Clarinda v Hampton Wanderers, Central Brunswick v Malvern City, Mossfield Rangers v Banksia, West Geelong v Mitcham United, BYES: Parkmore, Diamond Creek, Moonee Ponds and Balclutha.

Second Round — Sunday March 23: Parkmore v Diamond Creek, West Brunswick or Central City v Burnley or North Sunshine, Moonee Ponds v Mossfield, Rangers or Banksia, East Carlton or Monbulk v Vermont of Cranbourne, North Melbourne or Baxter v Noble Park of Cheltenham, Altona United or Seaford United v West Geelong or Mitcham United, Clarinda or Hampton Wanderers v Yarraluen or West Melbourne, Central Brunswick or Malvern City v Balclutha.

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PAUL ROSSI FOR ENGLAND?

Paolo Rossi, the most expensive player in the history of Italian soccer, the 25-year-old present club Perugia (12 million pounds) wants to terminate his existing contract and try his luck in English First Division soccer, preferably with Manchester United. With UEFA having pegged transfer fees, no English club would have to pay anything near his original cost.

Aberdeen striker Steve Archibald is almost certain to move before the transfer deadline in March. Spurs, Arsenal, Bristol City and a few others are interested, and the fee could be close on 500,000 pounds.

Ian Callaghan now has equalled Sir Stanley Matthews' record of 86 F.A. cup-tie appearances, but that's the finish for "Cally" this year as West Ham Swanses beaten by West Ham.

Nottingham Forest, who play Wolves in the final of the League Cup on March 15, are unbeaten in this competition since 1976 and have won the trophy for the past two years. Liverpool, despite their vast array of top honours in recent years, have never won the League Cup.

Howard Kendall who at 17 was the youngest player ever to play in a F.A. Cup-final and is now 33 has been given a three-year contract as manager of Blackburn Rovers. Kendall was in the Preston North End side beaten by West Ham in 1964.

A judge ordered an amateur footballer to pay £452,000 damages to an opponent whom he injured. Bristol Crown Court heard that Derek Shilton, 25, had been sent off for a "serious foul" on Paul Manning 26.

Coventry City have stated it will take a 1 million pound fee to get their 23-year-old Scottish international striker Ian Wallace. Spurs, who already had a £700,000 pound offer rejected while Arsenal are also understood to be interested in Wallace who cost only 80,000 pound three years ago from Dumbarton.

Allan Ball has claimed that he has twice been refused a testimonial by the Football

League because of his old "bad boy" image. Ironically in his 19 seasons in football Ball has probably appeared in more testimonial matches than any other player.

Man on the Run, a horse jointly owned by Kevin Keegan and Mick Channon of Southampton recently won at Chesham at the good price of 15 to 2.

Cruyff in million-dollar move

Johann Cruyff, now 32, signed with the Washington Diplomats in a reported one-million dollar deal last week.

Cruyff was bought from the Los Angeles Aztecs, with whom he played last season under his former Dutch coach, Rinus Michels.

Cruyff signed a three-year contract for one million (\$900,000 Aust) and he sees his role with the Diplomats as similar

to the one he had with the Aztecs — an on-the-field general and off-the-field promoter of a sport that is becoming more and more popular in the U.S.

Cruyff long has been rated by experts as one of the most gifted stars in the game, along with Pele and West Germany's Franz Beckenbauer.

Pele finished his career playing for the Cosmos.

From
JIM COOK
our
European
correspondent

Pele, Beckenbauer and Cruyff are the highest-salaried imports yet to play in the NASL.

Cruyff started his professional playing career at the age of 17. He was voted Europe's "Player of the Year" three times and was captain of Holland's World Cup team in 1974.

The Diplomats are owned by Madison Square Garden of

Johan Cruyff

New York, and have the resources to afford a star of Cruyff's magnitude.

The Cosmos, owned by the Warner Communications conglomerate and the Diplomats, are the most financially-sound franchises in the 24-team NASL.

N.S. State cage, 1st Division draw

Alan Ainslie (Amarillo Scots) STATE LEAGUE

ROUND 1 - 4/8 MARCH
Sydney Olympic v Sydney Olympic - Sunday, Pratten Park.
Avalon v Auburn - Sunday, Mon Park.
Sutherland Shire v Amelita Scots - Sunday, Seymour Shaw.
Crosville Sydney v Amelita Scots - Sunday, King Tomislav Park.
Manly Warringah v Ku-Ring-Gal - Sunday, Cromer Park.
Parramatta City v North Sydney Inter - Sunday, Garalde Park.
Bankstown District v Cant-M-Ville Oly. - Sunday, Soccer Centre.

ROUND 2 - 16/18 MARCH
Inter Monaro v Avalon - Sunday, Maroo Polo Oval.
Melita Eagles v Sydney Olympic - Sunday, Garalde Park.
Avalon v Sutherland Shire - Sunday, Mon Park.
Amelita Scots v Crosville Sydney - Sunday, Hurstville Oval.
Ku-Ring-Gal v Manly Warringah - Sunday, Parklands Oval.
North Sydney Inter v Parramatta City - Sunday, North Sydney Oval.

ROUND 3 - 22/23 MARCH
Sutherland Shire v Inter Monaro - Sunday, Seymour Shaw.
Avalon v Sydney Olympic - Sunday, King Tomislav Park.
Crosville Sydney v Amelita Scots - Sunday, Cromer Park.
Manly Warringah v Amelita Scots - Sunday, Cromer Park.
Parramatta City v Ku-Ring-Gal - Sunday, Garalde Park.
Bankstown District v North Sydney Inter - Sunday, Soccer Centre.

ROUND 4 - 28/29 MARCH
Inter Monaro v Crosville Sydney - Sunday, Bruce Stadium.
Sydney Olympic v Sutherland Shire - Sunday, Pratten Park.
Melita Eagles v Avalon - Sunday, Garalde Park.
Avalon v Manly Warringah - Sunday, Mon Park.
Amelita Scots v Parramatta City - Sunday, Hurstville Oval.
Ku-Ring-Gal v Bankstown District - Sunday, Parklands Oval.
North Sydney Inter v Cant-M-Ville Oly. - Sunday, North Sydney Oval.

ROUND 5 - 5/6 APRIL
Manly Warringah v Inter Monaro - Sunday, Cromer Park.
Crosville Sydney v Sydney Olympic - Sunday, King Tomislav Park.
Sutherland Shire v Avalon - Sunday, Seymour Shaw.
Parramatta City v Auburn - Sunday, Garalde Park.
Bankstown District v Amelita Scots - Sunday, Soccer Centre.
Cant-M-Ville Oly. v Ku-Ring-Gal - Sunday, Arlington Oval.
North Sydney Inter v Melita Eagles - Sunday, North Sydney Oval.

ROUND 6 - 12/13 APRIL
Inter Monaro v Parramatta City - Sunday, Maroo Polo Oval.
Sydney Olympic v Manly Warringah - Sunday, Pratten Park.
Avalon v Crosville Sydney - Sunday, King Tomislav Park.
Melita Eagles v Sutherland Shire - Sunday, Garalde Park.
Avalon v Bankstown District - Sunday, Mon Park.
Amelita Scots v Cant-M-Ville Oly. - Sunday, Hurstville Oval.
Ku-Ring-Gal v North Sydney Inter - Sunday, Parklands Oval.

ROUND 7 - 19/20 APRIL
Bankstown District v Inter Monaro - Sunday, Soccer Centre.
Parramatta City v Sydney Olympic - Sunday, Garalde Park.
Manly Warringah v Amelita Scots - Sunday, Cromer Park.
Crosville Sydney v Sutherland Shire - Sunday, King Tomislav Park.
Cant-M-Ville Oly. v Auburn - Sunday, Arlington Oval.
North Sydney Inter v Amelita Scots - Sunday, North Sydney Oval.
Ku-Ring-Gal v Melita Eagles - Sunday, Parklands Oval.

ROUND 8 - 26/27 APRIL
Inter Monaro v Avalon - Sunday, Maroo Polo Oval.
Melita Eagles v Sydney Olympic - Sunday, Garalde Park.
Avalon v Sutherland Shire - Sunday, Mon Park.
Amelita Scots v Parramatta City - Sunday, Hurstville Oval.
Ku-Ring-Gal v Bankstown District - Sunday, Parklands Oval.
North Sydney Inter v Cant-M-Ville Oly. - Sunday, North Sydney Oval.

ROUND 9 - 3/4 MAY
Inter Monaro v Parramatta City - Sunday, Maroo Polo Oval.
Sydney Olympic v Manly Warringah - Sunday, Pratten Park.
Avalon v Crosville Sydney - Sunday, King Tomislav Park.
Melita Eagles v Sutherland Shire - Sunday, Garalde Park.
Avalon v Bankstown District - Sunday, Mon Park.
Amelita Scots v Cant-M-Ville Oly. - Sunday, Hurstville Oval.
Ku-Ring-Gal v North Sydney Inter - Sunday, Parklands Oval.

ROUND 10 - 10/11 MAY
Inter Monaro v Avalon - Sunday, Maroo Polo Oval.
Melita Eagles v Sydney Olympic - Sunday, Garalde Park.
Avalon v Sutherland Shire - Sunday, Mon Park.
Amelita Scots v Parramatta City - Sunday, Hurstville Oval.
Ku-Ring-Gal v Bankstown District - Sunday, Parklands Oval.
North Sydney Inter v Cant-M-Ville Oly. - Sunday, North Sydney Oval.

ROUND 11 - 17/18 MAY
Inter Monaro v Parramatta City - Sunday, Maroo Polo Oval.
Sydney Olympic v Manly Warringah - Sunday, Pratten Park.
Avalon v Crosville Sydney - Sunday, King Tomislav Park.
Melita Eagles v Sutherland Shire - Sunday, Garalde Park.
Avalon v Bankstown District - Sunday, Mon Park.
Amelita Scots v Cant-M-Ville Oly. - Sunday, Hurstville Oval.
Ku-Ring-Gal v North Sydney Inter - Sunday, Parklands Oval.

ROUND 12 - 24/25 MAY
Inter Monaro v Parramatta City - Sunday, Maroo Polo Oval.
Sydney Olympic v Manly Warringah - Sunday, Pratten Park.
Avalon v Crosville Sydney - Sunday, King Tomislav Park.
Melita Eagles v Sutherland Shire - Sunday, Garalde Park.
Avalon v Bankstown District - Sunday, Mon Park.
Amelita Scots v Cant-M-Ville Oly. - Sunday, Hurstville Oval.
Ku-Ring-Gal v North Sydney Inter - Sunday, Parklands Oval.

ROUND 13 - 31 MAY - 1 JUNE
Inter Monaro v Parramatta City - Sunday, Maroo Polo Oval.
Sydney Olympic v Manly Warringah - Sunday, Pratten Park.
Avalon v Crosville Sydney - Sunday, King Tomislav Park.
Melita Eagles v Sutherland Shire - Sunday, Garalde Park.
Avalon v Bankstown District - Sunday, Mon Park.
Amelita Scots v Cant-M-Ville Oly. - Sunday, Hurstville Oval.
Ku-Ring-Gal v North Sydney Inter - Sunday, Parklands Oval.

ROUND 14 - 7/8 JUNE
Inter Monaro v Parramatta City - Sunday, Maroo Polo Oval.
Sydney Olympic v Manly Warringah - Sunday, Pratten Park.
Avalon v Crosville Sydney - Sunday, King Tomislav Park.
Melita Eagles v Sutherland Shire - Sunday, Garalde Park.
Avalon v Bankstown District - Sunday, Mon Park.
Amelita Scots v Cant-M-Ville Oly. - Sunday, Hurstville Oval.
Ku-Ring-Gal v North Sydney Inter - Sunday, Parklands Oval.

ROUND 15 - 14/15 JUNE
Sydney Olympic v Inter Monaro - Sunday, Pratten Park.
Avalon v Avalon - Sunday, Mon Park.
Amelita Scots v Sutherland Shire - Sunday, Hurstville Oval.
Ku-Ring-Gal v Crosville Sydney - Sunday, Parklands Oval.
North Sydney Inter v Manly Warringah - Sunday, North Sydney Oval.

ROUND 16 - 21/22 JUNE
Cant-M-Ville Oly. v Parramatta City - Sunday, Garalde Park.
Melita Eagles v Bankstown District - Sunday, Soccer Centre.
Sutherland Shire v Sydney Olympic - Sunday, Seymour Shaw.
Avalon v Melita Eagles - Sunday, Mon Park.
Manly Warringah v Auburn - Saturday, Cromer Park.
Parramatta City v Amelita Scots - Sunday, Garalde Park.
Bankstown District v Ku-Ring-Gal - Sunday, Soccer Centre.
Cant-M-Ville Oly. v North Sydney Inter - Sunday, Arlington Oval.

ROUND 17 - 28/29 JUNE
Inter Monaro v Amelita Scots - Sunday, Maroo Polo Oval.
Sydney Olympic v Ku-Ring-Gal - Sunday, Pratten Park.
Avalon v North Sydney Inter - Sunday, King Tomislav Park.
Sutherland Shire v Cant-M-Ville Oly. - Sunday, Seymour Shaw.
Crosville Sydney v Bankstown District - Sunday, King Tomislav Park.

ROUND 18 - 5/6 JULY
Avalon v Inter Monaro - Sunday, Maroo Polo Oval.
Amelita Scots v Sydney Olympic - Sunday, Hurstville Oval.
Ku-Ring-Gal v Avalon - Sunday, Parklands Oval.
North Sydney Inter v Sutherland Shire - Sunday, North Sydney Oval.

ROUND 19 - 12/13 JULY
Inter Monaro v Sutherland Shire - Sunday, Maroo Polo Oval.
Sydney Olympic v Avalon - Sunday, Pratten Park.
Avalon v Crosville Sydney - Sunday, Mon Park.
Amelita Scots v Manly Warringah - Sunday, Hurstville Oval.
Ku-Ring-Gal v Parramatta City - Sunday, Mon Park.
North Sydney Inter v Bankstown District - Saturday, North Sydney Oval.

ROUND 20 - 19/20 JULY
Inter Monaro v Manly Warringah - Sunday, Maroo Polo Oval.
Sydney Olympic v Crosville Sydney - Sunday, Pratten Park.
Avalon v Sutherland Shire - Sunday, Mon Park.
Amelita Scots v Parramatta City - Sunday, King Tomislav Park.
Amelita Scots v Bankstown District - Sunday, Hurstville Oval.

ROUND 21 - 26/27 JULY
Inter Monaro v Manly Warringah - Sunday, Maroo Polo Oval.
Sydney Olympic v Crosville Sydney - Sunday, Pratten Park.
Avalon v Sutherland Shire - Sunday, Mon Park.
Amelita Scots v Parramatta City - Sunday, King Tomislav Park.
Amelita Scots v Bankstown District - Sunday, Hurstville Oval.

ROUND 22 - 2/3 AUGUST
Inter Monaro v Manly Warringah - Sunday, Maroo Polo Oval.
Sydney Olympic v Crosville Sydney - Sunday, Pratten Park.
Avalon v Sutherland Shire - Sunday, Mon Park.
Amelita Scots v Parramatta City - Sunday, King Tomislav Park.
Amelita Scots v Bankstown District - Sunday, Hurstville Oval.

ROUND 23 - 9/10 APRIL
Revels Workers v Sydney City - Sunday, Milperra Reserve.
Polonia v Penrith United - Sunday, Cook Park.
S.S.C. Yugal v Blacktown City - Sunday, Concord Oval.
Bathurst 75 v Leichhardt - Sunday, Bathurst Show Ground.
Warrington v U.N. of N.S.W. - Sunday, Narrabeen.
Marconi v Wollongong - Sunday, Marconi Oval.

ROUND 24 - 16/17 APRIL
Revels Workers v Leichhardt - Sunday, Milperra Reserve.
Polonia v Blacktown City - Sunday, Cook Park.
Penrith United v Warrington - Sunday, Concord Oval.
Sydney City v Penrith United - Sunday, Cook Park.
Yugal v U.N. of N.S.W. - Sunday, Concord Oval.
Bathurst 75 v Wollongong - Sunday, Bathurst Show Ground.
Warrington v Marconi - Saturday, Narrabeen.
Bye v St. George.

ROUND 25 - 23/24 APRIL
Revels Workers v S.S.C. Yugal - Monday, Milperra Reserve.
Polonia v Bathurst 75 - Monday, Cook Park.
Penrith United v Warrington - Monday, Concord Oval.
Sydney City v Marconi - Monday, E.S. Marks Field.
Blacktown City v St. George - Monday, Gable Stadium.
Leichhardt v Bathurst - Monday, Lambert Park.
U.N. of N.S.W. v Blacktown United - Monday, David Phillips Field.
Bye v Wollongong.

ROUND 26 - 30/31 APRIL
Leichhardt v Bathurst - Sunday, Lambert Park.
Blacktown City v Penrith United - Sunday, Gable Stadium.
Sydney City v Bye - Sunday, Gable Stadium.
Wollongong v S.S.C. Yugal - Sunday, Berkeley Sports Ground.
Blacktown United v Bathurst 75 - Sunday, Franks Park.
Bathurst 75 v Warrington - Sunday, Black Oval.
St. George v Marconi - Sunday, St. George Stadium.

ROUND 27 - 7/8 MAY
Revels Workers v Wollongong - Sunday, Milperra Reserve.
Polonia v U.N. of N.S.W. - Sunday, Cook Park.
Penrith United v Leichhardt - Sunday, Cook Park.
Sydney City v Blacktown City - Sunday, Concord Oval.
S.S.C. Yugal v Blacktown United - Sunday, Concord Oval.
Bathurst 75 v Bathurst - Sunday, Bathurst Show Ground.
Warrington v St. George - Sunday, Narrabeen.
Bye v Marconi.

ROUND 28 - 14/15 MAY
Blacktown United v Revels Workers - Sunday, Franks Park.
Polonia v Penrith United - Sunday, Berkeley Sports Ground.
U.N. of N.S.W. v Penrith United - Sunday, David Phillips Field.
Leichhardt v Sydney City - Sunday, Gable Stadium.
Sydney City v Bye - Sunday, Gable Stadium.
Wollongong v S.S.C. Yugal - Sunday, Berkeley Sports Ground.
Blacktown United v Bathurst 75 - Sunday, Franks Park.
Bathurst 75 v Warrington - Sunday, Black Oval.
St. George v Marconi - Sunday, St. George Stadium.

ROUND 29 - 21/22 MAY
Revels Workers v Penrith United - Sunday, Milperra Reserve.
Polonia v Bye - Sunday, Cook Park.
S.S.C. Yugal v Sydney City - Sunday, Concord Oval.
Bathurst 75 v Blacktown City - Sunday, Bathurst Show Ground.
Warrington v Leichhardt - Sunday, Narrabeen.
Marconi v U.N. of N.S.W. - Sunday, Marconi Oval.
St. George v Wollongong - Sunday, St. George Stadium.
Bathurst 75 v Warrington - Sunday, Black Oval.

ROUND 30 - 28/29 MAY
Revels Workers v Blacktown City - Sunday, Milperra Reserve.
Polonia v Penrith United - Sunday, Cook Park.
S.S.C. Yugal v Wollongong - Sunday, Concord Oval.
Bathurst 75 v U.N. of N.S.W. - Sunday, Bathurst Show Ground.
Warrington v Marconi - Sunday, Narrabeen.
Marconi v Blacktown City - Sunday, Black Oval.
St. George v Bathurst 75 - Sunday, St. George Stadium.
Bathurst 75 v Warrington - Sunday, Black Oval.

I know the men Croatia will buy for the PSL, says Gardiner

By PETER DESIRA

The new coach of a club which has won six major honors in the past two seasons has a lot to live up to.

But John Gardiner, now re-instated as Essendon's player-coach, has managed to take it all in his stride and even surpass the feat by leading the side to an Ampol Cup success over Philips League opposition.

The players he has at his disposal certainly helped but it's a fact that his coaching went a long way to bring the trophy to the club.

Gardiner is loathe to discuss his methods. "We play a style similar to the Victorian side," he concedes, "mainly because we have so many players in the team, it would be silly to play any other way."

His victories over South Melbourne and Heidelberg in the semis and final were no coincidence. He was so confident of beating Hellas that days before the semi-final he was already figuring out his team plan for the final.

"I couldn't sleep on the Thursday night, so I spent some time working out what I was going to do against Heidelberg in the final," he reckons.

"It wasn't so much beating Hellas... They had to beat us. I knew we'd get a goal somewhere along the line so it was a matter of Hellas having to take the initiative.

"South's biggest problem is getting an established team. They've got 11 individuals — call them star individuals if you like — and I knew that just a little bit of teamwork on our part would be the key factor."

The early season success has wetted the club's appetite for the Philips League but if that dream is to become a reality, Essendon must now prove themselves in the State League. And that's not going to be easy.

"Every match will be a cup tie from now on because every side will lift its game against Croatia and it will be hard to motivate my players along these lines," agrees Gardiner.

"All the same, I can't see any reason why we shouldn't win the league. My job now is to ensure that there isn't a bad start similar to last year. If everyone pulls his weight I will achieve that."

The Essendon coach expects Preston to again provide the main challenge for the title but the picture is far from clear at the moment.

"I expect Preston to do well, of course," he says, "and I expect Juventus to buy a couple of players and do quite well, but I'm only guessing at this stage. I haven't seen the likes of

Green Gully play so it's hard to know what to expect.

"The advantage we'll have is that there will be a bit of harmony in the team by the time the league starts."

Gardiner and I talked in the dressing rooms at Olympic Park after an Essendon training session. The players had trooped off one by one starting with Tommy Cumming sporting the Cosmos No. 2 shirt (a distinct reminder of his encounter with Eskandarian) and finishing with Noel Mitten — a real stickler at trying to make himself beautiful.

"I suggested to Gardiner he would find it hard to keep every-one happy but he disagrees that he's got a big squad.

"We've got a number of youngsters who are obviously players for the future," he said.

"Ned Batinovic for example, was discovered last year and is now a member of the first team squad but he's still only learning the game.

"Mike Klarin is another. He was brought to the club as a player of potential who has never been coached before. Because of his age, he also is a player for the future.

"I've decided I'm going to spend a bit of time making Steve Gojevic into a better player and he's only 14 years old.

"Dependent on injuries, these youngsters could be given an extended run but they will definitely be training with us.

"A lot, too, depends on the likes of Keith Adams. His long overseas trip means he's not going to get into the team until he has proved his fitness. I'm going to have to go through a lot of work with him to establish that.

"With these players around, we will not have to resort to placing players out of position as in previous instances when we had to play Ken Murphy and Howard Andrews as fullbacks.

"And unlike last year, when players held their spot no matter what their performance, the competition for places will put extra pressure on everyone to perform."

But what about Gardiner himself? How long does he intend to keep playing? "I feel the stan-

dard doesn't warrant me to retire yet," John replies with a grin.

"I think I'm coaching before my time," he adds, "I really didn't want to coach this season because I've been doing it on and off for four years now and I wanted a break.

"I just wanted to play and that's the reason I was thinking of changing clubs."

Preston was the club offering a new lease of life but Essendon's committee convinced Gardiner to stay with a "tremendous offer." Most of the players asked him to coach the side also and that is a situation that doesn't occur too often in soccer.

Despite this, Gardiner has not accepted the job in the true sense. "The only understanding we have is that I'll be caretaker until I decide. The terms they've offered me are tremendous but I haven't actually sat down and said 'Fair enough, the job is mine, let's draft up a contract'."

The possibility (somewhat remote in view of the Ampol Cup success) of being replaced as coach does not worry him. He is in fact aware that the club were at one stage interested in engaging Len McKendry as the club's supremo.

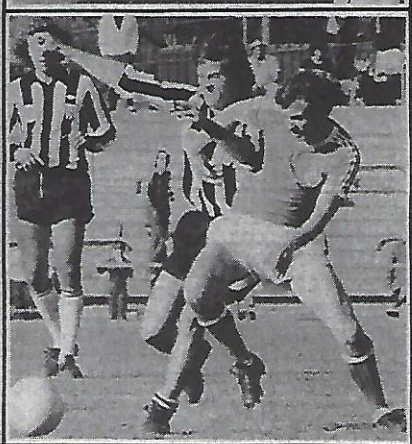
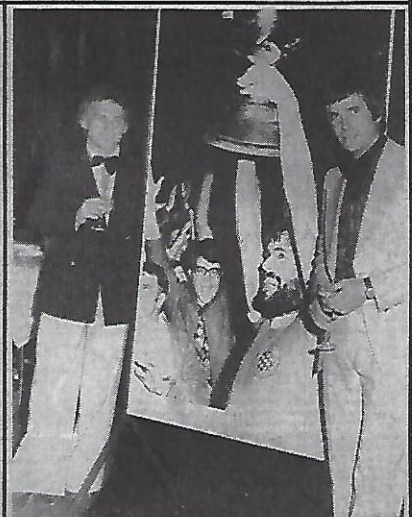
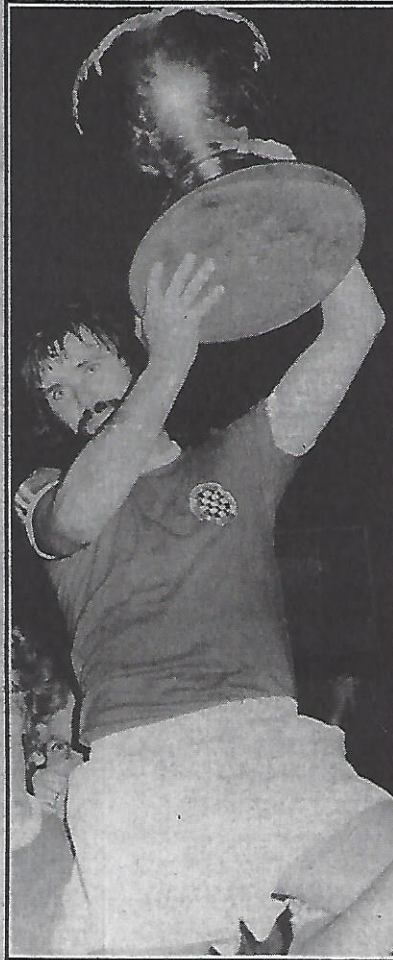
"The club can get who they want to be coach as long as he is a coach," reasons Gardiner. "The situation that would be hard to accept is running round the park just doing sprints and being told what to do instead of being coached."

Under McKendry the problem wouldn't have arisen because Gardiner has learned a great deal from McKendry, having played in the State squad as well as gained the senior coaching badge under him last year. He is now on McKendry's coaching staff and, apart from conducting courses, he also gets to visit numerous schools and youth clubs to conduct training sessions or referee matches.

Since McKendry's arrival, a good number of players are attending coaching courses which is a healthy sign, according to Gardiner.

"A player who has been through the game commands more respect in the coaching position. If he takes a coaching course and gains the knowledge, it would hold him in even better stead," he says.

But does playing and coaching at the same time present problems?



John Gardiner's involvement with soccer sees him assume many different roles. (Top) Gardiner is pictured coaching a group of junior players. (Left) As coach of Croatia he celebrates one of the club's successes. (Top right) Gardiner is always a guest of honor at Rothmans Medal presentations after he won the award in successive years, 1971-72. He is pictured with Croatia team mate and fellow dual Rothmans Medal winner Tommy Cummings, 1978-79. (Bottom right) Gardiner, the players, caught in action against Adelaide City's Brian Northcote, with Robert Marwe in the background.

"Not really," replies Gardiner. "The playing side is quite easy. The coaching side is a bit difficult because naturally, I want to join in the session I put on.

"Unfortunately, at this stage, I've got to stand out to make sure the work is done. When the basis is done, there will be a time when I can join in."

His relationship with the players is a very good one. He is the boss during training, "but once it stops, I like to think I'm still one of the boys."

At 32 years of age, Gardiner has now been one of the boys in Australia since the early seventies. His career is littered with honors starting with the Rothmans medal in 1971 and 1972, while with George Cross. He first joined Essendon Lions in May 1976, helping them to promotion to the State League that same year.

In 1977, he captained the side to the Ampol Cup before moving to South Melbourne in a \$10,000 exchange deal.

His stay at Hellas was an unhappy one. He made 14 Philips League appearances but was dropped

towards the end of the season.

"I don't know whether I could have played any better than I did," he ponders. "I felt I was really trying to cover for other players on the park instead of being selfish like them and playing my own game.

"There's no reason why I shouldn't still be playing there but some person in the club said I had to go and that was the end."

He returned to Essendon in early 1978 and was player-coach of the side which won its second successive Ampol Cup. He resigned from coach over "not seeing eye to eye" with the committee but stayed on as a player and in the past two seasons was a member of the two championship sides.

This season should see him soar to new heights in the coaching career and, confident as ever, he already knows the players the club will need — and will get — when it achieves Philips League status.

"We're a couple of players short of Philips League class but don't ask me to name them... other coaches might hop on the bandwagon and try to get them before me."



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This week's match: v CANBERRA CITY at
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This week's match: v HEIDELBERG at
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This week's match: v BLACKTOWN CITY at
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This week's match: v SOUTH MELBOURNE at
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This week's match: v MARCONI at
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COLOURS: Blue White Red.

This week's match: v BRISBANE CITY at
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COLOURS: Blue white stripes — Blue Shorts

This week's match: v NEWCASTLE K.B. UNITED at
Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm.

